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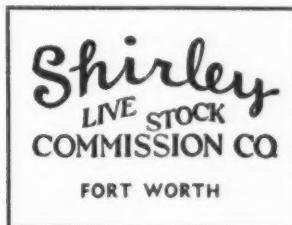
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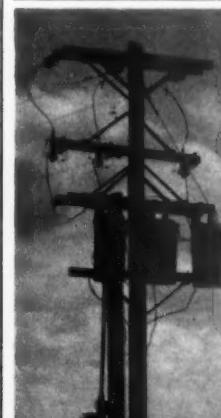
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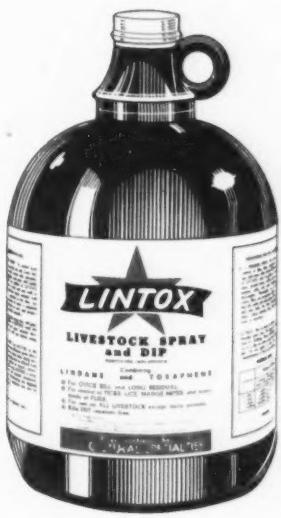
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By RAY W. WILLOUGHBY  
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BY THE time you read this, hearings should be under way in Washington, conducted by the Senate Committee on Agriculture on the subject of "Exports and Imports and Their Effect On Farm Price Support Programs."

In these hearings lies the FAITH of the wool growers in their industry, their HOPE for the future AND their demand for PARITY based on the American standard of living.

The Allied Wool Industry Committee has become the spearhead of the drive by all segments of the domestic wool industry to present the case of the growers and handlers and their need for tariff protection from cheap labor-produced and subsidized foreign wools which have broken the American wool market price.

The Allied committee, formed at the industry meeting in Denver early last February, is now coordinating efforts of the National Wool Growers Association, National Wool Marketing Corporation, the various State Wool Growers Associations, the Western Wool Handlers Association, the Texas wool warehousemen and the domestic segment of the Boston Wool Trade.

The hearings before the Senate committee are expected to last from four to five weeks, with officials of Government, the general farm organizations and even the mass production

proponents of "free trade with no tariffs," such as the automobile industry, to testify first. Then the various commodity groups will be heard on their problems. Some of the groups will present their story of the need for export markets while others like wool, being damaged so badly by imports, will present their case on the need for protection.

In order to permit the wool industry and similarly affected commodity groups to present a solution as well as to testify on the problem, a distinguished group of senators, headed by Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota, a senior member of the Committee on Agriculture, have introduced a parity tariff bill called the "Parity Protection Amendment to the Agricultural Act of 1949."

The bill is extremely simple. It states its purpose as "A Bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, to strengthen American agriculture and reduce the cost of price-support operations."

The proposed act is only two paragraphs long. It says:

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"(e) Whenever the Secretary shall

make price support available to any commodity, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be notified and shall be advised the parity price of such commodity for the marketing season. Upon receipt of this notice the Secretary of the Treasury shall impose and collect such duty or additional duty on all imports of such commodity as is necessary so that the duty paid price in United States dollars is not less than the parity price."

The story behind the necessity for legislation of this kind is just as simple. It is not alone that the wool growers have seen their prices decline 51 percent in a period of 20 months. Actually, all agriculture now stands at a crossroads of decisions which must be made in the immediate future by the Congress and the new administration.

The foreign trade program of the United States on the one hand and the farm support program on the other hand, are in deep conflict.

President Eisenhower campaigned for office on the platform of Government attempting to help the farmer find "parity in the Market place." The President is committed to a program of encouraging foreign trade.

Thus, when coupled with the laws now in effect, the Nation stands committed to a policy of encouraging foreign trade and also to a policy of maintaining American agriculture at or near parity levels. The goals sought in these two policies cannot be successfully and practically achieved unless the policy on foreign trade takes into consideration the policy on maintaining agricultural prices at parity. AND, in both policies the

## PARITY PROTECTION BILL IN SENATE — S. 1538

The Parity Protection Bill (S. 1538) was introduced in the United States Senate on April 1st by 14 Senators headed by Senator Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota. The other sponsors of the bill are Francis Case, South Dakota; Wallace F. Bennett, Utah; Arthur V. Watkins, Utah; Herman Welker, Idaho; Henry C. Dworshak, Idaho; Hugh Butler, Nebraska; Guy Cordon, Oregon; Paul McCarran, Nevada; Milton R. Young, North Dakota; Edward J. Thye, Minnesota; Edwin L. Johnson, Colorado; Frank A. Barrett, Wyoming; Lester C. Hunt, Wyoming.

Bills on parity protection were introduced in the House by Congressman D'Ewart of Montana (H.R. 1427) on January 9th, and by Congressman Fisher of Texas on January 26th (H.R. 2093).

cost to the taxpayers must be considered.

These conflicts, now existing, have plunged the domestic wool industry into a depression in the midst of an all-time high period in national income, and eventually made domestic production of wool unprofitable from a private enterprise standpoint.

If agriculture and the wool industry can obtain Parity Protection rather than taxpayer payoffs, then the industry can build a sound economy under private enterprise and all agriculture could support a program of developing foreign trade. And the cost of both foreign aid and farm supports could be cut for the taxpayers while still preserving the American standard of living.

There is no doubt that this position will be strongly opposed by many groups. The slogan of "trade, not aid," started by Great Britain, has become almost the theme song of the free traders. There has been expenditure of big publicity funds already and these publicists have made it sound almost like an American idea. They give no explanation of what "trade, not aid" means or what actual results could be accomplished. America has the lowest tariffs now of any of the nations with whom we are asked to increase our trade.

The mass production industries headed by the automobile manufacturers maintain that America must adopt a policy of free trade in order to develop export markets for these mass producing industries.

They forget that free trade, which would wipe out many small industries and much of American agriculture, would destroy the best market in the world. At the present time American workers in agriculture and industry can all afford to own a Ford. But Henry Ford might learn, if he is successful in inaugurating a free trade policy, that no wool grower or sheepherder would have the money to buy another Ford. Thus would begin the destruction of the market that makes possible the efficiency of mass producing industries.

Evidence that the Congress is becoming more aware every day of the need for protection for American agriculture is seen in the speeches being made on the floor that point out the fallacy of using free trade as a panacea to the problem of cost of world aid. It would mean the lowering of the American standard of living to the standard of living of the countries we are trying to help rather

## FROM ASSOCIATION OFFICE . . . Advisory Committee Meeting At Sonora Makes Plan Study

THE ADVISORY committee met at call of President Metcalfe on April 20 at Sonora to study and approve the 1952 audit, consider methods of raising funds for use of the Allied Wool Industry Committee and hear plans for local promotion of lamb.

The audit by Jones, Freeze and Hay of the 1952 fiscal year was approved.

The entire background and purpose of the Allied Wool Industry Committee was discussed by Ray Willoughby. He also mentioned that of the approximately \$18,000 needed by the Committee, California had contributed over \$4,500, Texas \$3,000 (including \$500 contributed by Willoughby), Montana \$1,000, Colorado \$1,000, Wyoming, a token payment of \$100. It was brought out that another \$2,000 to \$2,500 from Texas

would be sufficient for the immediate need.

It was decided to send a letter to all members whose regular dues were \$5.00 per year and more asking them to send an extra \$1.00 per bag. The funds raised would be for the use of the Allied Wool Industry Committee and other Association purposes. It was also decided to send the smaller warehouses a copy of the letter and ask their help. The warehouses would be asked to help.

Several letters to Byron Wilson, written in answer to one from him requesting constructive criticism of the American Wool Council were discussed.

After lunch the Committee heard a report from Dick Alexander and Mrs. John Alexander on lamb promotion. It was reported that all but one

commission firm in Fort Worth had agreed to deduct 2¢ per head against the sale of all sheep and lambs (should the lamb promotion plan be formally adopted and approved). These proceeds were to be used for lamb promotion exclusively. A committee was to visit the San Antonio firms later. One cent would be sent to the National Livestock and Meat Board and one cent retained for local promotion.

Mrs. John Alexander outlined work she had been doing in promoting the sale and use of lamb — especially the new cured or pickled leg put out experimentally by Swift. She said funds were needed for traveling expenses and for guaranteeing the packer that these legs would be sold.

The advisory committee approved the plan subject to approval by M. J. Cook, Director, Packers and Stockyards Division, U.S.D.A. of the deduction. Funds so raised would be kept in a separate account by the agency collecting.

Present were President Metcalfe, Walter Pfluger, Fred Earwood, Clayton Puckett, Ray Willoughby, Edwin Mayer, Bryan Hunt, Ernest Williams, and Dick Alexander, Mrs. John Alexander and Mrs. Walter Pfluger.

than lifting them to a higher standard of living in their own country.

Congressman Wesley D'Ewart of Montana, author of the Parity Protection Amendment Bill pending in the House of Representatives, points out that the wool industry is an outstanding example of the havoc that can be created in American agriculture. It has been forced to curtail production almost 50 percent in ten years through inability to compete with subsidized and cheap labor produced foreign wools, while our Government not only stood by, insofar as protection to the domestic producers was concerned, but actually aided in the destruction of this once great segment of American agriculture.

This policy, says D'Ewart, has been continued despite the fact that almost two years ago the Defense Department warned that America was in an indefensible position from a stand point of national defense unless we doubled the wool production of the United States. This, because every pound of wool classified as a strategic war material which has to be imported, must be brought over supply lines from 6,000 to 12,000 miles long. In the event of war that would mean more ships required and protection would have to be furnished against underwater attacks, surface attack and attack by air. This in turn would mean not only tying up badly needed equipment but a tremendous manpower undertaking.

It also would mean the continued wasting of the natural resources of the range areas of the United States

where much of the grass and feed crop can be harvested only by sheep if the Nation is to obtain any good from these resources.

Congressman D'Ewart has requested the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee to hold hearings on this parity protection bill in the immediate future but no date has yet been set.

This is no easy task that the wool industry has set itself in fighting for protection of their industry and their homes and ranges. Powerful, organized and well-financed groups in this country and abroad have launched an intensive attack to try to lower even the present tariff rates. The plight of the wool grower is such that he cannot continue in business unless the present tariff rate is raised. The sheep growers in almost 90 percent of the cases already have to finance, even to the extent of mortgaging their capital investments of land and equipment, in order to stay in business.

The Allied Wool Industry Committee and the participating organizations down to the individual growers with their determination to correct this unfair position they have been placed in, are fighting now with their backs to the wall. However, we believe we can get a hearing, not just before the Congress, but before the American people, and this almost last-ditch stand of the wool growers is a fight based upon faith in the industry, hope for the future and an honest belief that the American people do want parity based on the American standard of living.

## What Is the Allied Wool Industry Committee?

THE ALLIED Wool Industry Committee is an emergency organization formed by all segments of the domestic wool industry in the United States.

It includes the National Wool Growers Association, the various state wool growers associations, the National Wool Marketing Corporation, the Western Wool Handlers Association, the Texas wool handlers group and the domestic segment, which is small, of the Boston Wool Trade.

Its activities are financed on the basis of contributions from individuals and organizations. Money is needed to keep the operations going.

If you have not contributed individually or through an organization, please do so immediately.

There is no set basis on which to judge your contribution, it is based upon what you think it is worth to have this fight made to protect the domestic wool growing industry.

While, in some states, contributions are being made through organizations, in Texas all financing is being done through individual contributions.

Send your check, made out to Allied Wool Industry Committee, direct to Ernest Williams, Secretary of The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, San Angelo, Texas, or to your local warehouseman, who will forward the remittance to the committee.

### STILL FIGHTING FOR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES

DESPITE CONSTANT demands by legislative leaders in both the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey, has not yet handed down a decision in connection with the request that "countervailing duties" be imposed on wool being shipped to the United States from nations which subsidize their export or use currency manipulation to ship in wool at far below the American and world market price.

The request was first made on the new Secretary of the Treasury in mid-February. Under the countervailing duties provision (Section 303 of the Tariff Act) the Secretary of the Treasury is required to raise the duties on any import into the United States where the exporting country has used any method to pay a "subsidy" or "premium" to exporters who ship into the United States, equal to amount of the subsidy or premium.

Under the previous Administration the wool industry sought unsuccessfully for years to get such countervailing duties imposed.

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## Range Talk

**It was reported about the middle of April that Forte, Dupee, Sawyer and Company, Boston, through their buyer, Jack Taylor of Kerrville, bought around 200,000 pounds of mohair from the Ranchers Warehouse, Ingram, Texas, paying \$1.0150 for adult hair and \$1.2650 for kid hair.**

The annual Ozona Registered Quarter Horse Show and Reining Contest will be held May 22 and 23. Members of the horse show committee are Pete W. Jacoby, secretary; Charlie Black, chairman of the horse show plans; Bud Cox, P. C. Perner, Homer Good, Otis Pridemore and Walter Sparks.

Buster Miller, Ozona ranchman, placed some 900 mutton lambs in the Bert Kinsaid Jr.'s feed pens at Fort Stockton about the middle of April. Mr. Miller reported that the lambs averaged 72 pounds when put in the feed pens and would probably gain around 20 pounds in the sixty days they would be on feed.

Homer Mansfield is now manager of the Netherly Ranch, Roosevelt, Texas.

Roger Gillis, Val Verde County ranchman, who some time ago leased his California ranch and his home ranch consisting of almost 100,000 acres to the government for use as a bombing range at \$1.50 an acre for

five years, recently sold 7,800 Panama ewes which have been on pasture in California since last fall. The buyer was Waverley Brown of Williams, California, and the price was reported to be from \$15 to \$18.50 per head in the wool.

**Ernest Klappenbach has sold his Johnson City Wool and Feed Company to Howard Ragsdill and Clinton Smith.**

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pierce of the Altuda Ranch, Alpine, have a new son, Julian Miles Pierce, named for Mr. Pierce's great-grandfather. The baby was born April 19. They have another son, Victor, named for his grandfather, V. I. Pierce of Ozona. The Pierces breed registered Rambouillet sheep.

**The Grazier's Association of New South Wales, Australia, representing owners of approximately fifty million sheep, recently voted to continue the ban against exporting Merino sheep, by a vote of 47 to 46.**

A. J. Bierschwale, head of the range animal husbandry department of Sul Ross State College, has been chosen by the district supervisors of the Soil Conservation Service as the professional man who has done most for soil conservation in the Big Bend Soil Conservation District. He was voted to be the man who has done most to make conservation practices an every-day exhibit before the public.

Dub Clark, San Angelo, has purchased from Arch Benge, also of San Angelo, all of the sheep remaining

on Benge's Suggs ranch lease — around 2,700 ewes, 2's to 4's, and about 1,600 lambs for May 15 to 20 delivery.

**Russell Hays of San Angelo recently sold for Owen Bros., San Saba, 1,300 mixed yearling sheep to Jack Shaw of Fort Worth. The sheep weighed about 95 pounds out of the wool.**

**Harvey Martin, San Angelo, was reported the latter part of April to have purchased around 4,000 yearling sheep around Mason and Llano. They averaged 95 to 100 pounds and sold for 19 to 19½ cents a pound, for May 5 to 10 delivery.**

**Marfa Future Farmers, coached by R. A. Hanson, Jr., won top honors at the Second Annual San Angelo College Wool and Mohair Judging Contest sponsored by the Concho Aggies, as students club at San Angelo College. The Marfa chapter won top overall place in a field of ten teams in the all-FFA event. They also took first place in wool judging, with Ballinger second and Eden third.**

Edwin Walther, Ballinger FFA boy, was top individual.

Sanderson took first place in the mohair judging, with Marfa second and Pecos third. Sanderson also took second place overall honors, and Ballinger third.

Owen Bragg, Talpa Delaine breeder, lost two of his valuable registered ewes during shearing through the roughness of a shearer. After the second sheep died, the shearer began

came very, very gentle with the sheep, declared Mr. Bragg. Ranges in the Talpa area are in good condition and sheep in good shape.

**H. V. (Buzie) Stokes, who operates a feed store in San Angelo, plans to move to Uvalde in the near future. There, he is opening a feed and seed business near the Kincaid Hotel in the Kennedy Building. Mr. Stokes has an irrigated farm near Uvalde and a home which he will move into this summer when the tenant's lease expires. The place consists of about 500 acres of which nearly half is irrigated. "I plan to do some retiring," declares Buzie.**

### ANGORA EVENTS PLANNED

IN A meeting held at Fredericksburg April 4, directors of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association laid plans for the 34th annual show and sale August 6-7-8. The coronation of Miss Mohair will be August 6. Miss Mohair will be nominated and elected during the event. Miss Marilyn Mittel of Sonora will be the 1953 Association Queen, succeeding Miss Kathryn Orr of Bertram.

Bob Davis, Rio Frio, was named chairman of a committee to select animals for the sale. Mr. Davis, known as Judge, has many friends and is one of the veterans in the Angora goat shows. The work with his committee will start July 5. W. S. Orr, Rocksprings, President of the Association, presided at the directors' meeting.

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"I AIN'T farming half as good as I know how now," the farmer is supposed to have told the salesman with the book on improved farming methods. This statement still probably applies to a large majority of our farmers and ranchers.

Regardless of how good the overall job is being done, every farmer and rancher has some good ideas and may be doing an excellent job on some particular phase. There is surely no one best way to do everything on a farm or ranch. Things that work well on one may not be the best for another, but farmers and ranchers get good ideas from each other — ideas that may help make their operations more profitable.

An account of the operation of the well-managed Peterson Ranch may give others some usable ideas. Range improvement and other work done on the ranch, without benefit of outside income, may encourage others to adopt the same or similar practices.

The thirty-section Peterson Ranch, owned by Mrs. Martha Peterson Bartburger, is located about seven miles north of Brackettville, Texas. It is a steeply-rolling, rocky country with some areas considered quite rough. Average annual rainfall is about twenty inches. One gets a first im-

pression that it is an efficient, profitable ranching operation from: the good fences, good corrals, gates that swing, buildings and equipment in good state of repair, evidence of range improvement work, and good-looking livestock. The statement of a former county agent now ranching in the area, "The Peterson Ranch is our experiment station," gives an insight into its management.

Progressive ranch manager is O. D. Dooley, better known as "Buster." He was born and raised in Kinney County and has worked with livestock all his life. He was hired by Mr. N. P. Peterson "seventeen lamb crops ago." In 1942 he purchased half interest in the stock and started paying lease on half the ranch.

Like most other ranchers, Buster has his own theories of ranching. He says all livestock breeders are dairymen. If the mother animal gives lots of milk, the young grow rapidly and make profits. Every area is different, every ranch is different, and every pasture on a ranch is different. Each requires different management. Every ranchman, like a farmer, should "plow back" some of his profits if production is to be increased or even

### SPRAYING PAYS

One of many jobs in progressive ranching. Ewes and lambs being sprayed with BHC out of the shearing pens. Jose Cadina, sub-foreman, with the nozzle.



maintained. "This land must support the people a hundred years from now." Any practice that will pay off, whether now or later, should be done. The actual cost is immaterial if it pays. Better breeding stock return more net income. With these concepts, Buster sets about his job of making money ranching.

The first year he was on the ranch he had 700 sheep in the pens at one time with "pear mouth." Some of his neighbors were losing 15% of their sheep each year from eating pear. Pear cutting started the next year and still continues. Now, most of the ranch has been gone over twice and some three times. The pear cutting crew runs a mule-powered wagon to haul the pear. The wagon forms one boundary line of the area being covered and saves the crew retracking over the same area. Net wire, that can be rolled back from the front, in the bottom of the wagon unloads in a hurry. Heavy stacks, roots out, of twelve to fifteen wagon loads cause the pear to heat and sour and makes turning, to prevent re-rooting, unnecessary.

Brush also infests the ranch — most common being mesquite, cedar, black brush, and live oak. About half the ranch has been gone over with bulldozers, chained, or plowed with a brush plow. The ranch owns two bulldozers and Buster, though leasing, paid his half of their cost. He also pays half the cost of all range improvement work.

Rocks on the ranch prevent range pitting currently recommended by the range management specialists, but the Peterson Ranch may have an excellent alternate practice. Observing how well grass grew on areas where the tree plow had broken up the

**FIRST LAMB CROP**

Yearling ewes, raised in a drouth, and their first lamb crop on the Peterson Ranch. Part of one shearing barn appears in background.

subsoil, Dooley rented a giant sub-soil plow and tried it out. The ranch now owns the plow. It is pulled by a bulldozer, on the contour "by eye," runs about eighteen inches deep, and the two points are seven feet apart. Space between is twenty to thirty feet. The middles will be plowed out in later years.

There are additional recommended range management practices used on the ranch. It has been fenced into small pastures — about thirty pastures and traps — the largest being 1600 acres. Pastures are deferred and rotated. It is well watered and lightly stocked and was improving until the current drouth.

Terraces, spreader dams or other dirt moving work has not been considered practicable on the ranch, but over 30 miles of roads have been constructed. Large aerial photos are a help in planning range improvement work and pasture management.

Highly recommended introduced grasses have been tested on the ranch for six years and results to date have proven unsatisfactory. They have not grown well, even with all the advantages they could be given, while native grass did good. Small plots in the pastures were passed over by the stock, indicating they are less palatable than native grasses.

The ranch is stocked with quality Rambouillet sheep and Hereford cattle. Buster believes in buying the best sires obtainable, and the price is secondary if they are what he wants. At four of the last six Registered Rambouillet Ram Sales in San Angelo, the Peterson Ranch purchased the high selling pen of 5 rams. They paid \$7,425.00 for these 20 rams — an average of \$371.00 each. The 1950 pen of 5 at \$610.00 each was a national record and is still a Texas record for a pen of 5 rams.

Between 700 and 1,000 top ewe lambs are saved for replacements each year. Culling is continuous. At spring shearing, all dry ewes are pulled out and sold. Some years, the yearling ewes may get a second chance. Ewes are not culled because of age until they are eight years old, and most of these ewes go as "tight" mouth ewes. Main considerations in selection of replacements are big, smooth, well-formed bodies, long-staple fleeces, and open faces.

During good years, fat lambs weighing 75-78 pounds at 4 to 5 months of age are marketed off the grass. They have tried about all types of crossbreeding but returned to straight Rambouillet because they

raised a higher per cent of Rambouillet lambs and they weighed heavier at market time.

Lambing this year began about January 1. The date has been moved up for several years and will be moved up to around December 12. Buster says, "I can't beat the weather, so I'm going to join it." Early hot summer weather dries the grass and stops lamb gains. He says he can lamb on feed if necessary. The weather is better in December than in January and February. Besides, he stands a good chance of going to market in April and May when fewer lambs are marketed. A 95% lamb crop was marked this year, which includes the yearling ewes. A few weeks before lambing was to start, the pear cutting crew was sent to a neighbor's to buy pear where it was thicker. This succulent, chopped pear increased the milk production of the ewes. When the pastures greened up, the pear cutting crew returned to their work clearing the Peterson Ranch of pear.

Sheep are shorn twice each year, which is the common practice in the extreme southwest. Every effort is made to keep the wool clean. Pens are wet down with the spraying machine before the sheep arrive. Shearing boards and platforms are kept clean by frequent sweeping. At three shearing places they have built shearing sheds. These sheds have a raised concrete shearing platform and slatted floors in the catch-pens which are raised at the outer edges. Dirt and refuse falls through the slats and the downward incline makes getting a sheep into shearing position easy on sheep and men.

Man feed used on the ranch is meal and salt. This year, because of the long extended drouth, grain, rice bran, and other feeds were added. Buster says we need a cheap feed that will balance the shortages in range forage at different stages or seasons. Feed is put out in self-feeders that were built in 1938. They were designed so that they can be easily disassembled, and when not in use they are taken apart, cleaned, and stored in a shed. They have been painted several times with creosote preservative.

Ranch labor is done by processed Mexican nationals. Because of the complicated processing procedure, plans have to be made about two months in advance to have the men by the time the work is to be done. Evidence that wages paid by ranchmen are satisfactory is shown by the number of the illegal entries. While

most of the laborers know so little about the work that many are surely overpaid, this Mexican labor is important to the ranching industry because cost of the work done to make the ranches more productive would be prohibitive otherwise.

Jose Cadina (one of his sons is now fighting in Korea) has worked on the ranch for 15 years. He is a sort of sub-foreman whose only fault, Dooley says, is trying to do all the work himself because he can do it better than the other hands.

Every stockman has his own ideas of how to handle stock, and Buster is no exception. He wants all ewes and young lambs to be "mated up" when they reach the pens. In rounding-up, leaders are never turned back through the rest of the flock. They are never gathered off the bedgrounds

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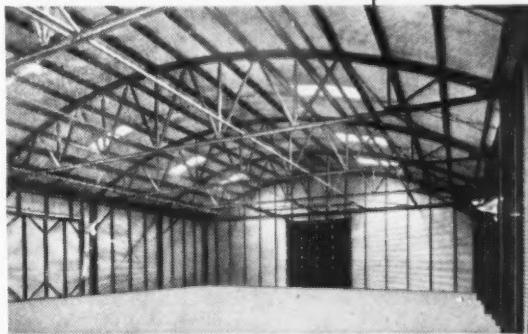
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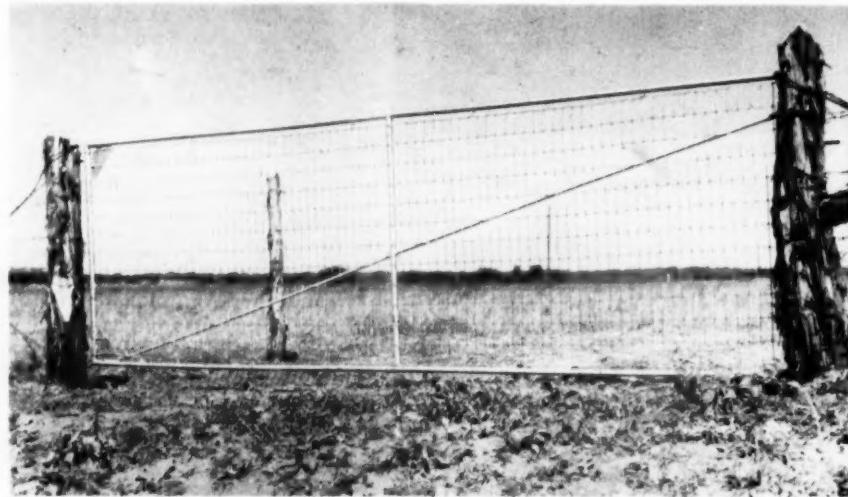
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# Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

ALL IDEAS that the fat cattle market had seen its low were routed at mid-April by declines of 75 cents to \$2.00 on a run of 29,000 head at Chicago, largest for the month in 26 years. Evidently finishers in the Corn belt and mountain states became liquidation-minded overnight, and overloaded the hoppers. Already low prices became ruinously so on a \$19.00 to \$22.50 market where a few prime yearlings topping at \$25.50 didn't mean a thing, but where prime 1,710 pounders at \$20.00 carried financially serious implications. Load after load of 1,400 to 1,600-lb. bullocks had to be jettisoned off at \$21.00 to \$21.50. Somewhat outstanding Colorado fed heifers had to go at \$22.75. A host of plain but nevertheless meaty shortfed steers rocked along at \$17.00 to \$18.50, the aggregate fat steer supply on that record April day averaging \$21.20. On March 2 the average was \$22.25, on January 5 \$28.18, and mid-April a year earlier \$34.49.

Meantime the barrow and gilt average on hogs had risen above \$21.50, fall-littered lights making up bulk of the crop, for weeks now numerically far below a year earlier. The fed lamb average was around \$23.50, a little above and then, as prices blew up every time top reached \$24.50, a little below \$23.00. Gigantic beef tonnage cast its weakening shadow over all other meats, with acute scarcity the only prop in pork, and of course, hogs. This explained why pork loins wholesaled as much as \$10.00 above choice steer meat in the carcass and why "big chains" more or less ignored pork to instead put on highly advertised week-end sales of bargain beef roasts at 39 to 47 cents and steaks at 67 cents down. Dressed lamb got only secondary play, fluctuating wildly as western springers ran early, and pork was wanted only by those who had become "fed up" on beef, even at the bargains thereon.

Of course the country knows how that pigmy receipts promptly followed the April giant, and how holdover cattle regained part of the early loss. But what the country doesn't know is whether this new low marks the final low on the crop. In short, are cattle as low as they are going to sell? Many think so but some do not in view of general conditions, economic and industrial, when viewed through the streets of such an immense supply of steers, and other cattle still on feed. The winter heifer crop is pretty well run but the woods are still full of steers scaling 1,200 lbs. up. Trade comment here was that the above mentioned 1,710 lb. prime steers in the big April run comprised the first load of a 2,000 head string. This sounds preposterous but reduce the story by 50 per cent or more and the implications are still bad.

At least confusing for those wanting to buy stockers and feeders for

spring grazing and grain-feeding on grass. Little has been going on as cattlemen everywhere wait for definite signs that the fat market has leveled off, become stabilized and hence in a position to ward off further sharp breaks if not improve measurably. As yet there are no such signs and the only hopefulness in the situation, with 19 per cent more cattle on feed April 1, is that routinely slow dressed beef markets simply mean that an immense volume of beef has been and still is moving to consumers. Some beef cooler experts believe no more beef could be sold the country over were the price 10¢ a pound. Any big fat cattle run anywhere immediately prompts newspaper and radio comment that still bigger bargains in beef are in the making, and big chain stores immediately set about to make good these predictions. Peace talk out of Korea and its connotations in possible unemployment, big consumer debt the country over, tax reduction horizons looming smaller if not farther and farther away, all conspire to make the outlook unguessable, hence sideline talk that western cattle this summer should be bought at \$20.00 down, sound pretty logical at the moment, or until the killer market based on an over-fed beef market — no doubt suffering right now from too much "bargainitis" — assumes a more dependable undertone. Canada has a host of stock cattle that might eventually come this way regardless of the fact that a few loads of fat steers have been exported to the north. Under the quota plan Mexicans have been coming this way.

And naturally what cattle and beef do this spring and summer will affect hogs and lambs. Hogs and pork are so scarce right now that under normal beef conditions, top hog prices, now, right at \$22.00 in Chicago, would be dollars better. Lamb has had the habit of piling up every whipstitch, and while old crop lambs are seasonably disappearing, the spring lamb movement is approaching maturity far and away ahead of last year. And the crop of springers, other than the Southwest, is estimated as mildly

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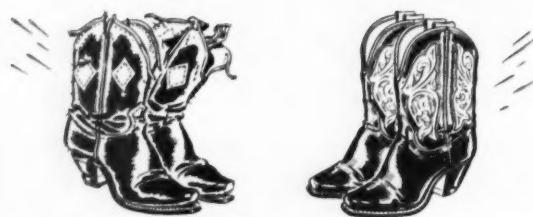


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## Growers Warned of Danger Of Poisonous Range Plants

DANGER LURKS for livestock on many ranges of the state among the new and tender growth of certain plants that are poisonous to range animals. Death losses can be prevented, says A. H. Walker, range specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, through the use of good range management practices.

The first job is to determine whether or not poisonous plants are growing on the range and if they are present, Walker says livestock should be removed from the areas until the danger period is past.

The buds, leaves and tender shoots of all trees in the oak family contain poisonous substances which cause severe illness in cattle, sheep, goats and horses, says Walker. This condition occurs from the time the buds begin to swell until the leaves become dark green. The low-growing oaks commonly called shin or shinnery oak cause the most trouble because livestock can get to them with ease. Cattle are most commonly affected.

The specialist explains that oak poisoning is more common following drought periods because the livestock are hunting for green feed and too, other types of green forage are scarce. Death losses from oak bud poisoning run extremely high, says Walker and no effort should be made to graze areas where the oaks are growing during this bud period. Either move the cattle to open grasslands or feed them in a small pasture or dry lot, advises Walker.

Poor grass cover in the bitterweed areas of the state has made many ranges ripe for an invasion of bitterweed. This plant is especially poisonous to sheep and is a cumulative poison. One to two pounds of dry plants will kill a grown ewe. Deferred and rotation grazing are recommended control practices for this plant.

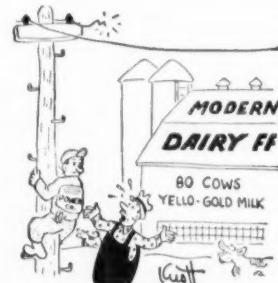
Loco and peavine are other plants which make a heavy growth in the spring when conditions are favorable and livestock usually graze them only when desirable plants are scarce. Livestock should not be permitted to graze in pastures where these plants are

growing until there is sufficient growth of non-poisonous plants to take care of the forage needs of the livestock. The common cocklebur in the seedling stage is very poisonous to hogs and to a lesser degree to cattle.

Good range management, explains Walker, is the key to poisonous plant control. Keep feeding hay or other forage until the good forage plants have time to develop on the range, says Walker. Livestock prefer this good forage and seldom will graze poisonous plants if good grass or legume plants are available.

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# Buffelgrass Meeting With Favor in the Southwest

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**THE ATTENTION** of farmers and ranchers of the Southwest is now centered on buffelgrass, relatively new and one of the most promising of the introduced grasses.

As is the case with many new plants and farming techniques, hope has run ahead of the established factual information about buffelgrass. Many who have tried it with undue optimism have been disappointed. On the other hand, farmers and ranchers, who have planted buffelgrass in areas where it is known to do well have used care in seeding methods and have given thought to proper management, are most enthusiastic about its value.

Several selections of buffelgrass, brought from South Africa, were planted in 1946 at the Soil Conservation nursery in San Antonio, Texas. Since then the SCS and Agricultural Experiment Stations of the Southwest have been working with buffelgrass to determine its usefulness, its adaptability

as to soil and climate, its moisture and fertilizer requirements, its tolerance to frost, its resistance to disease, blight and insect attack, and many other factors. A great deal of information is being furnished by farmers and ranchers who have been growing buffelgrass under farming and ranching conditions.

At the San Antonio nursery the selection bearing Accession Number T-4464 was chosen for seed increase because it had immediately showed promising results. We made a foundation planting of nine acres at the nursery and furnished a limited quantity of seed to farmers and ranchers who agreed to develop a seed source.

A pioneer in buffelgrass seed production was Pat Higgins, a cooperator with the Wilson County Soil Conservation District in south Texas and a student of operations at the nursery. On his ranch near Sutherland Springs, he planted one row 286 feet long in March, 1946. His original

planting has grown to 400 to 500 acres of buffelgrass.

Other farmers and ranchers have established sources of buffelgrass seed. Today there is an ample supply of the seed. Until last year all efforts were directed toward creating a seed source but in 1952 buffelgrass was used quite widely for grazing and hay and several farmers and ranchers report satisfaction with it.

The Osborne Ranch in the Starr County Soil Conservation District of Texas reports favorably on a dryland seeding of buffelgrass, King Ranch bluestem, birdwoodgrass, and Lehmann and Boers lovegrass on sandy soils. The grasses furnished considerable grazing even during the three exceptionally dry years that have been experienced in south Texas.

Ivan White, a cooperator with the Willacy - Hidalgo Soil Conservation District in the Rio Grande Valley, believes that buffel is the best grass he has on his place, his grasses including KR bluestem, slender grama, blue panicum and others. Cattle graze the buffelgrass readily, Mr. White reports. He found that his milk production doubled shortly after his cows were put in his field of buffelgrass. Between August 4 and the last week of November 1952 three cuttings of buffelgrass on irrigated land yielded a total of about seven tons of hay an acre. Fed on this hay, his cattle came through the winter in good shape and sold for top prices.

There is still a need for more research and field experience regarding the forage production and grazing management of buffelgrass. Information is needed also regarding its range of climatic adaptation. Much of this information should soon be available from plantings at experiment stations and field trial plantings this year in north Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Anyone in an area where the adaptability of buffelgrass has not been definitely established would probably find it to his advantage to check with the local Soil Conservation Service men or the County Agent before making any plans to seed buffelgrass. There are many good, productive native and introduced grasses that are adapted to any given locality. It is seldom that any one grass is adapted to all soils on any individual farm or ranch or will meet all forage requirements. Farmers and ranchers have found that it's wise to have all available information before going overboard for any one grass. From what we know of it now, buffel seems to be another of the good introduced grasses. It is rapidly taking its place with the many proved native grasses and a few other introduced grasses on farms and ranches of the Southwest.

Following is a brief summary of data concerning buffelgrass:

**DESCRIPTION:** Plants perennial, from a tough, knotty crown and producing a mass of long, tough roots. Basal leaves few and short. Stems

leafy, slender, considerably branched, usually bushy, and in the fall forming scaly, bulblike resting branches at the lower nodes; blades narrow, long and a little rough. Inflorescence a spike-like purplish panicle one to four inches long, borne on the ends of most stems and branches. Seed unit a cluster of slender awl-like bristles that are united only at the base and inclose one to five spikelets. The clusters will cling to the hair of animals.

**VARIETIES:** Soil Conservation Service accession T-4464 is the variety currently in field production and available (1950, 1951, 1952). Information herein is based on this accession. Others that are being tested include T-4701 or T-3782 (blue buffel).

**USES:** Revegetation of old and abandoned fields; palatable and attractive to livestock as hay and green forage, high in protein if grown in fertile soil. Not recommended for range reseeding as yet because of a lack of information on survival and the management necessary under range conditions.

**VITALITY OF SEED:** At least three years under South Texas conditions.

**SOIL AND CLIMATIC ADAPTATION:** Being determined for Western Gulf Region, comprising Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. Has grown well in heavy dark soils at San Antonio, and on heavy clays and deep sands southeast of San Antonio, Texas; in East Texas and North Louisiana on Forested Coastal Plains sands and clays; in the vicinity of Kingsville and Knox City, Texas and at other points in the region. Has shown ability to germinate and grow well in low rainfall zones. At San Antonio, seedlings from a September, 1950 planting were completely killed by 6 degree weather in February, 1951, but plantings made in 1946 survived zero temperatures reported in February, 1949. Up until winter of '52-'53 plantings in north Texas and Oklahoma have not survived winter.

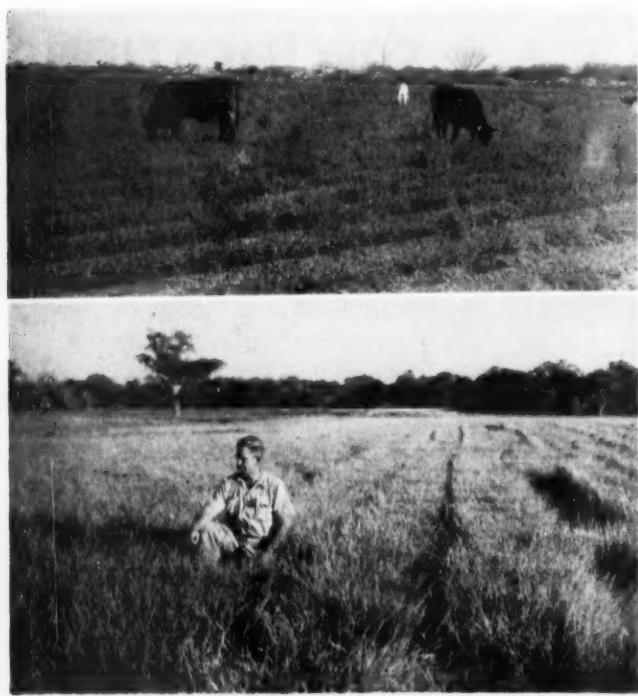
**FERTILIZER REQUIREMENTS:** Requires fertile soil for production of maximum growth and highest quality forage. Where deficiencies are known, add nitrogen, phosphate and potash as required.

**PLANTING TIME:** South Texas - spring, March and April; fall, late August and early September. Other areas - spring after ground warms up (normal cotton or peanut planting time).

**PLANTING RATE:** Two pounds an acre of good-quality unhusked (bur material) seed or six to eight ounces of clean grain an acre in 36 to 42 inch rows.

**PLANTING METHOD:** Customary row spacing, using cotton planting mechanism for unhusked seed material, and small seed planters for hulled grain. If need be, mix hulled grain with cottonseed hulls - 50-50 - adjust planter to desired rate. In either case seed should not be placed deeper than one-fourth to three-fourths inch. Add nitrogen as side dressing after seedling growth is well along. Where other fertilizers have given good response, they should be used.

**CARE AFTER PLANTING:** Row cultivate until plants are safely ahead of the weeds. Where maximum seed production is desired one or two cul-



(Top)

Santa Gertrudis cattle grazing buffelgrass planted the latter part of October, 1952. This is on the D.C. Parham farm in the Willacy-Hidalgo Soil Conservation District near Raymondville in South Texas. Grazing was begun February 16, 1953. The winter was mild. No freezes occurred. The buffelgrass was irrigated once.

(Bottom)

Rancher Pat Higgins kneels in buffelgrass that was combined three weeks earlier.



Note the large roots of this 17-months-old buffelgrass plant grown in deep sand on Pat Higgins' ranch near Sutherland Springs in South Texas. Also note the large buds on the lower part of the stem.

tivations a year should be made after establishment to keep row middles open.

**SEED HARVESTING.** The most used mechanical harvesting method tried to date consists of a "bug-catcher," equipped with slight modifications furnished by the manufac-

turer. The latter include row dividers and wheel guards, plus screen grids across the face of the receiving leg openings. A reel type machine run at a speed greater than on a grain binder can be used to knock the ripe seed into a hopper.

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**HAY YIELDS:** Two to four tons an acre on fertile dryland soils in two cuttings; 7 to 10 tons an acre on fertile irrigated soils in four or five cuttings.

**SEED DORMANCY:** Clean buffelgrass "burs" harvested July 1, 1951 at San Antonio showed 34,000 germinable burs from a pound of material in a two-week test ending February 8, 1952. This figure represented only 22 percent germination of about 158,000 burs a pound of material after seven months ordinary barn storage. Same type seed material harvested November 1, 1951 germinated only 5 percent in a two-week test ending February 8, 1952, or 9,000 germinable burs out of about 175,000 filled burs a pound of material. This shows that old seed is better planting material and that clean burs even seven months old may not have reached maximum germination.

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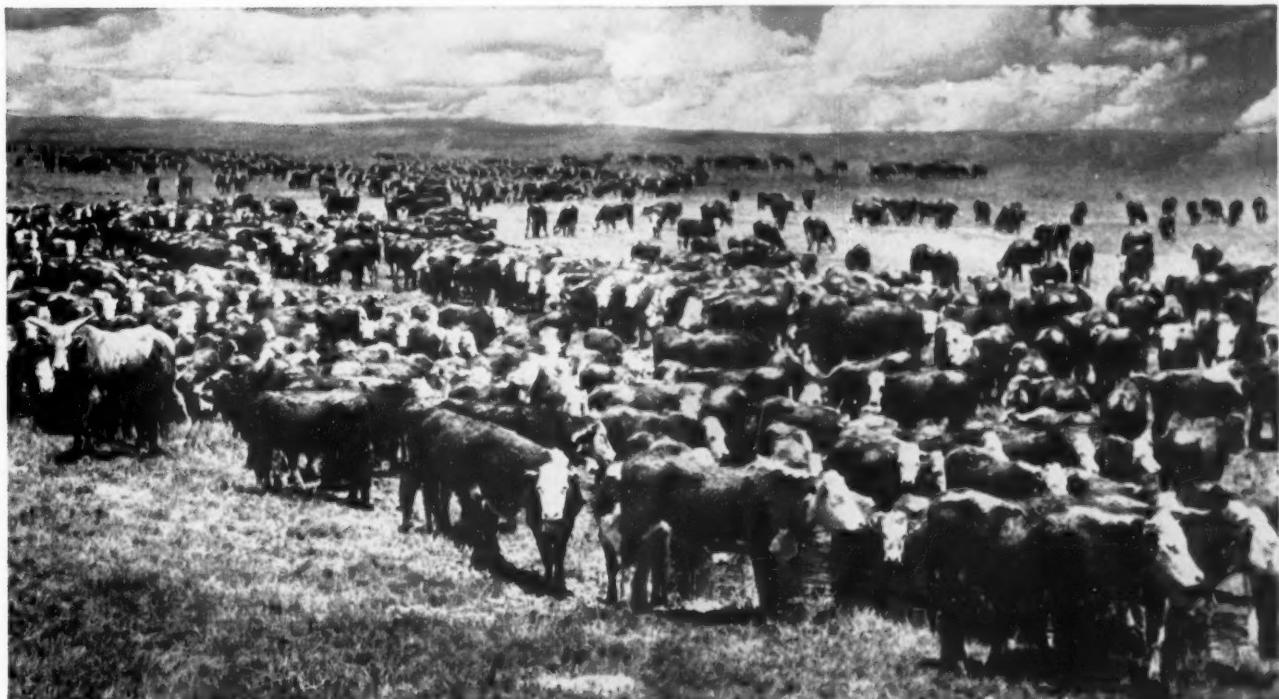
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# Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

INDEPENDENCE OF the cattle industry in the current, cross-country debate of farm price-support policy has "heartened" Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, who now intends to continue pushing for general acceptance of his views. To get his program across, eventually, however, he is probably to need broad backing from all categories of producers.

There is little indication here in Washington that he as yet has the necessary backing on Capitol Hill to secure the price legislation he wants when current support laws expire. Inside planning by Benson and his team at the department calls for the following steps:

(1) Continued work with commodity committees composed of producers, processors, distributors. Benson intends to keep the pressure on non-government members of these groups to come up with ideas of their own as to how their price problems can be solved with less help from the U. S. Treasury, and more freedom from federal farm controls.

(2) Intensive study by specialists within the Agriculture Department of substitutes for present price supports that would reduce federal farm spending. Farmer-financed price insurance is getting special attention as one of the possible answers. Also, multiple-or two-price systems: private crop loans to farmers that would be guaranteed, but not made, by the government; more marketing agreements and orders to keep supplies in line with demand; more production control by farmers themselves on a voluntary basis, rather than imposed by government.

(3) Present plan of Benson & Co. is to take results of commodity committee and department studies before Congress starting early next year. If they were acceptable in whole or in part, new legislation could be expected to take effect starting in 1955. Meanwhile, next fall, Congress itself expects to sound out the opinions of farmers themselves in "grass roots" hearings across the country.

Note: What farmers tell the law-

makers during the cross-country hearings probably will have a strong bearing on whether Congress accepts or rejects the basic farm philosophy of Mr. Benson.

Don't count for sure on the new International Wheat Agreement that has been reached in Washington between exporting countries, including the U. S. and importers. The wheat pact, which would go into effect when the present one expires this summer, must yet be approved by the Senate.

There have been rumblings from Capitol Hill's upper house that could be interpreted as meaning eventual disapproval of a renewed agreement. Reason is the price to be paid exporters of \$2.05 per bushel.

Some Senators think that's too low, and would require heavy subsidies from the U. S. Treasury to make up to growers for the difference between the agreed-upon international price, and domestic prices. On the other hand, \$2.05 is a considerably better price for exporting nations than the \$1.80 per bushel under the expiring agreement.

Under the current wheat pact, now in force almost four years, the U. S. will have paid out more than \$500 million in subsidies. It is an almost lead-pipe cinch that the new agreement . . . if it is approved . . . won't cost that much.

Best guess is that the new agreement will get a final okay from the Senate, especially in view of the present outlook for a more than 100-million-bushel increase in winter wheat production above estimates made last year . . . but don't bet your bottom dollar on it.

Wheat pact or no wheat pact, 90-percent-support guarantees will protect growers for at least this year and next, under present law. In view of recent price movements, it is likely support will cost the government considerable money, at least this season. Average allotments and quotas, consequently, are now considered almost certain next year.

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er administration is to re-build our foreign markets. Exports continue a downward trend begun two years ago . . . and so do imports. Since 1950 exports of farm products have dropped from about 17 percent of total U. S. farm production to about 10 percent.

Congress is becoming increasingly reluctant to bolster exports through grants and loans to foreign governments.

Benson believes the export problem is complicated by high price supports. He told the Senate Agriculture Committee: "Conflict between price supports and export policy is likely to be more acute with high and rigid supports than with flexible supports at a lower average level."

While he cannot reduce supports on the "basic" commodities of wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts, rice, and tobacco for 1953 and 1954 crops, he indicated he will try after the current law expires at the end of next year, if Congress will let him.

Meanwhile, he will go slow on the lowering of supports for "non-basic" crops such as wool, even though the law permits him to do that. To do so would arouse strong farm protestations that he was making discrimination against producers of non-basic crops.

The reaffirmation of the Administration pledge not to tamper very much with current support programs this year and next, at least, was made by Benson in Denver recently. He said:

"We do not propose to scrap our present system of supports until we

have something better. Our experience and our studies have convinced us that there must be something better."

**Note:** Benson told this correspondent that he is pleased with farmer reaction to his price support views . . . that farm backing is greater than expected . . . that his mail runs 16 to 1 in his favor.

One of the old-timers with the Texas Livestock Marketing Association, Dick Arnett, has retired. For the greater part of the past twenty-two years Mr. Arnett has been active, usually working with cattle, mostly in handling grass contracts in Kansas. Olin Weaver, who has been an assistant to Mr. Arnett for the past several years, will succeed him and be headquartered in Emporia, Kansas.



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Featured will be Quarter Horses and Palominos, with halter classes, reining classes and a children's class. In addition, several matched roping contests will be held between the county's leading ropers. There will also be a jack-pot roping contest, barrel races and other events.

Preparations have been in charge of Gilbert Sanders, E. J. Boatler, Jim Franklin and Corky Nutt. Secretary Sanders indicates that the entire event will be most interesting and that the quality of Quarter Horses and Palominos to be exhibited will be unexcelled, as will their riding and roping events.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Entry must be made by May 20th. \$5.00 entry fee on all halter classes. \$5.00 stall fee. \$5.00 entry fee in reining classes, for horses shown at halter to split 50-30-20. Open to the world reining class — no horses barred. \$10.00 — entry fee to be split 40-30-20-10.

**QUARTER HORSE DIVISION**

Superintendent, Percy Turner  
Rules

1. The quarter horse show is subject to the rules and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association under the direct supervision of the Tom Green County Sheriff Posse Horse Show Committee.

2. All Horses must be in stalls by 8 A.M. Saturday morning, May 30th.
3. Judging will begin promptly at 9 A.M. May 30th.

**Quarter Horse Classes**

Class

- 1 Mares foaled in 1952
- 2 Mares foaled in 1951
- 3 Mares foaled in 1950 or before
- 4 Champion and reserve champion mare (selected from 1st and 2nd place winners in classes 1, 2 and 3)
- 5 Stud foaled in 1952
- 6 Stud foaled in 1951
- 7 Stud foaled in 1950 or before
- 8 Champion and reserve champion stud (selected from 1st and 2nd place winners in classes 5, 6 and 7)
- 9 Gelding — any age — registration required
- 10 Reining Class for any Quarter Horse that has shown at halter.

**PALOMINO DIVISION**

Superintendent, Roy Bond

**Rules**

1. The Palomino horse show is subject to the rules and regulations of the Texas Palomino Exhibitors Association, Inc., under the direct supervision of the Tom Green County Sheriff Posse Horse Show Committee.

2. All horses must be in stalls by 8 A.M. Saturday, May 30th.
3. Judging will begin promptly at 9 A.M. May 30th.

**Palomino Classes**

Class

- 11 Mares foaled in 1952
- 12 Mares foaled in 1951
- 13 Mares foaled in 1950 or before
- 14 Champion and reserve champion mare (selected from 1st and 2nd place winners in classes 11, 12 and 13)

15 Studs foaled in 1952

16 Studs foaled in 1951

17 Studs foaled in 1950 or before

18 Champion and reserve champion stud (selected from 1st and 2nd place winners in classes 15, 16 and 17)

19 Gelding — any age — registration required

20 Reining class for any Palomino that has shown at halter.

21 Children's class — no entry fee.

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### NEW DEVELOPMENT GIVES BETTER MIX

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By Jack B. Taylor

RAMBOUILLET breeders who have recently become active members of the Association include: O. F. Bryan, Ovalo, Texas; Ed R. Whitesides, Paint Rock, Texas; and Kenneth S. Knox, Champaign, Illinois. Whitesides is the County Agent of Concho County. Kenneth Knox has been in the registered Rambouillet business a long time as a non-member.

A number of breeders have written for information about registering lambs and expressed an interest in joining the Association.

Richard Nielson of Ephraim, Utah, son of Association President Adin Nielson, is now in Korea with an anti-aircraft artillery battery.

Henry Mayo, Extension Animal Husbandman in Indiana, reports their sheep numbers increased 13%

as of January 1, 1953. "Nearly all of our expansion is taking place by establishment of large flocks of ewes to raise commercial lambs, 100 to 1,000 ewes."

The John K. Madsen Rambouillet Farm of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, recently sold three rams to a sheepman at San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Miles Pierce has sold 20 stud ewes and a polled stud ram to Fresno State College, Fresno, California.

Louis "Porky" Bridges of B. F. Bridges & Son, Bronte, Texas, reports the sale of 14 mixed age ewes to Ed Warren of Hereford, Texas. Mr. Warren had previously purchased a stud ram from the firm.

Eddie F. Smith, 4-H Club breeder from Sonora, Texas, recently purchased 16 registered ewes from Joe B. Edens of Eldorado. Eddie exhibited the Champion Ram at the San Angelo Junior Show.

Jimmy Twain Stubblefield, 4-H Club breeder from Ballinger, Texas, has 6 lambs, all ewes, out of 5 ewes he bred to the ram that won Reserve Champion at the Junior Breeding Sheep Show in San Angelo.

Jimmy has been in the registered Rambouillet business for 4 years, has about 35 head total registered sheep,

and is out of debt. He borrowed the money to get started in the business from the Coleman Production Credit Association. He pays his father for pastureage on his sheep by driving a tractor.

John Williams, Eldorado, Texas, reports the sale of a stud ram to D. L. Newman of Santa Anna. This ram placed 3rd in the two-tooth class at San Angelo.

Miss Shirley David of Hat Creek, Wyoming, 16-year-old member of the Niobrara 4-H Rambouillet Breeders, won a trip to the Interstate 4-H Round-Up at Denver with her record project on her registered Rambouillet flock. Nine years ago she started with two orphan lambs and now has a flock valued at \$850.00. She has netted \$300.00 in prize money and sold nearly \$1,600.00 worth of fine sheep.

A sheepman in Virginia is interested in both registered and commercial Rambouillet sheep. At present he is running about 500 head of ewes of mixed breeding and reports the lambs come from "half-pint to gallon size."

Ed Ratliff, Bronte, Texas member, visited the Association office recently. He said he fed chopped pear to his ewes during lambing time and they gave so much milk they had to be milked-out.

Scottie Menzies, 4-H Club breeder at Menard, Texas, got 15 lambs from his 7 registered ewes.

John Bledsoe of Eldorado, Texas, reports 18 sets of twins from 51 ewes, mostly yearlings, with 9 more yet to lamb.

R. O. Sheffield, our vice-president of San Angelo, reports the birth of his first set of quads since he has been in the business. All lambs living and doing fine.

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go to the premier exhibitor in the Junior Rambouillet breeding sheep division of the San Angelo Show.

Two young Association members, brothers, who started in the registered Rambouillet business as 4-H Club boys, have added another to their long list of accomplishments. Jackie Landers of Menard, Texas, now a junior at Texas A&M College, won the Danforth Foundation Fellowship. He will spend two weeks studying at Purina Mill's experimental farm and plant in St. Louis, then two weeks summer camp on Lake Michigan. He is in for a real treat — your secretary was privileged to make the 1941 trip. Little brother Fritz, outstanding high school senior, will attend the two weeks camp.

The 1953 Pan American Livestock Exposition (State Fair of Texas) will offer registered breeders a fine opportunity to exhibit their wares to livestock men from Mexico and other Pan American countries.

A Junior Breeding Sheep Division offering \$372.00 in premiums will be provided for Rambouilllets on a trial basis. We hope the junior breeders will insure its continuation by a big turnout — October 10th.

#### **DEBOUILLET SALE'S LOCATION CHANGED**

L. W. AND ODUS Wittenburg write the magazine office that the location of their Debonillet ram and ewe sale has been changed from the Hill Country Fair Grounds, Junction to the new 4-H Club barn in Menard, on the Eldorado Highway. The date is June 26.

The Wittenburgs will have in the sale about 150 yearling rams and 200 yearling and two-year-old ewes — all Debonillets. They report that these sheep are range run and will be in good condition; that they are top quality Debonillets, "the best we have ever offered — big, smooth, with open faces, extra long wool."

#### **FAWCETT RESIGNS FROM NATIONAL**

C. J. FAWCETT, who from 1955 to 1951 was general manager of the National Wool Marketing Corporation, and until recently consultant to the organization, has resigned to retire. Mr. Fawcett has been an active and influential force in the wool industry for many years.

In a February meeting of the National John H. Davis, General Manager, resigned in order to accept the position of President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, in which capacity he will be an important member of the new staff assisting the Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

Succeeding Mr. Davis as acting general manager of the National Wool Marketing Corporation is J. Frank Dings, who has been associated with the organization most of the years since it was organized in 1930.



#### **THEY RANCH 'EM SCATTERED**

D. K. AND FLOYD McMullan, Reagan County ranchmen, have been hard hit by the recent drought and have had to scramble to keep their outfits going. In so scrambling their sheep have been scattered "to hell and gone," to find something for them to eat. About 10,000 head of their sheep have been placed on farms mainly in San Saba and Llano Counties in some 37 bunches. D. K. McMullan has some 8,000 head in 30 bunches ranging from 50 to 1,300 head. Floyd has between 2,000 and 3,000 head in seven bunches ranging from 185 to 300 head. He also has a partnership deal with Jack Williams of Paint Rock where there are 840 sheep.

"How is the deal going? It's going fine, considering. We are slowed down, of course, by the checking of so many widely scattered bunches of sheep, slowed down in marking and shearing, too. We've counted only 13 shy in all the bunches and that's awful good. On the Jack Williams place we lambed 880 head out of 840 ewes. One pasture showed a 131% lamb crop and overall the crop is 105%. Generally speaking our lamb crop in the various bunches is going to average around 100% and we couldn't ask much better than that. West of San Angelo we'll have about

66 to 70% lamb crop and with rain in the near future our sheep will do very good. We've been feeding all the time on our ranch southwest of Big Lake."

Shearing the small bunches down the country with two machines of some sixteen or eighteen drops total has been slow business but the McMullans are doing it and very well, too, considering everything. Ranching is not all a bed of roses when dry weather hits — even "scattered" ranching.

#### **CORRIE DALE SALE DATE SET**

THE ANNUAL Show and Sale of the Texas Corriedale Sheep Breeders Association has been set for August 29 at Fredericksburg, according to H. C. Noelke, secretary. The sales committee is composed of Crockett Riley, president; W. M. Arnold, and Sonny Bergman. Plans, while indefinite, are to auction some 100 head of top quality Corriedale rams and ewes. All members of the Association are invited to participate in the sale.

T. R. Hinton, Keller, Texas, shipped the latter part of April three nice ewes and one excellent ram to Jorge M. Arias of Royal Crown Bottling Company of Republic of Panama. They went by express to New Orleans, then by air on to Panama.

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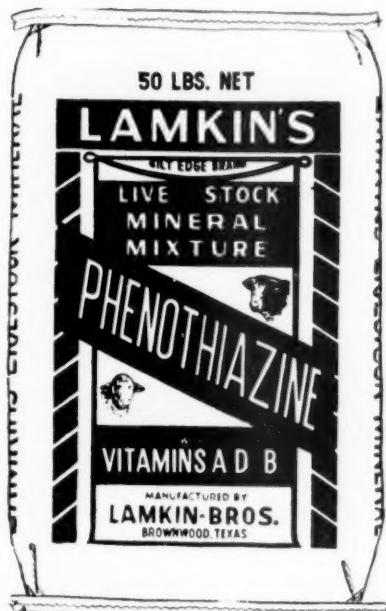
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## National Has Long Time Record On Fort Worth Livestock Market

### Editor's Note:

This is the first in a series of articles which will appear in this section on the livestock commission men operating on the Fort Worth livestock market.

THE PRESENT president, James Beasley (Jim) Young, came with the National Livestock Commission Company during the depression days which hit the cattle business in 1919 — blue days which broke many ranchmen in the southwest. During these days the firm had a tough time getting along and although severely hurt by the depression no customer of the firm was hurt through business with the National.

It was in 1919 that Jim Young came into the business activities of the organization. Until his death in 1935, W. B. (Ben) Young was president and he numbered his friends in the livestock business by the thousands.

The National Livestock Commission Company was organized in Chicago in 1888 by the Kelley Brothers, Chas. and Tom, who made an outstanding success in the livestock commission business. They operated in Texas in 1888 and each year thereafter held interests in the livestock industry in this state until the time of their death. Their representatives were buying and selling livestock in Fort Worth long before Peter Smith set up a small packing plant on the bank of Marine Creek in North Fort Worth.

The National Livestock Commission Company was first incorporated in 1895 with seven directors, and in 1911 a new company supplanted it. This incorporation took place September 11 and the incorporators were A. F. Crowley, A. B. Hamm and Chas. Kelley.

When the Livestock Exchange Building was erected in 1902 on the Fort Worth Stock Yards, along with the packing plants, Swift and Armour, the National Livestock Commission

Company was one of the original tenants and has held its office space in the building ever since.

The business done by the National Livestock Commission Company has consisted of buying livestock on order and selling on order. In the past, other phases of livestock selling and buying have been carried on by the company. The personnel of the organization has been composed of some of the most famous identities in the livestock industry of the southwest. Many old timers such as Ben Young, who was an all-around salesman with more than 35 years standing in the yards, have become almost legendary figures and have special niches in the history of the livestock industry and in the hearts of the livestock men.

Frank Crowley was star salesman for many years. Then there was Ben Davis, cattle salesman and later mayor of Fort Worth. F. B. Hamm, who became one of the southwest's outstanding peace officers, Homer Trout, Jim Farmer, Bud Daggett, John Daggett, John F. Grant, who was later a prominent Fort Worth city official, Charles Hadley, George Beggs, Sr., who built a famous reputation as representative of the Chicago Cattle Loan Company, as well as one of the keenest livestock experts, Charles Breedlove, still active, although most of the old timers who stomped the alleys and scanned the pens have long since passed out of the livestock picture.

Then there was a time not so long ago when two well known livestock commission men bought an amazing number of sheep throughout the southwest, clearing them through the National Livestock Commission Company. These two men were Si Boyer and Al DuMain. Mr. Boyer is now living at Bedford, near Fort Worth, and has retired from active livestock trading, although retaining a keen interest in the industry. Mr. DuMain is living in Nevada but spends much

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of his time in San Angelo and West Texas, buying and selling sheep.

The personnel of the National Livestock Commission Company at present consists of Mr. Young, C. C. Marrett, who has been secretary-treasurer for 31 years and, according to Mr. Marrett, "I will be able to learn my job when the government quits changing the regulations." Mr. C. E. Allen is vice-president. He is a ranchman of Palo Pinto County. C. G. Hadley, past president, died in 1949, after 35 years of service to the livestock industry of the southwest. Emery Cantey is now vice-president, succeeding Mr. Hadley. Mr. Cantey is a Fort Worth attorney. Mrs. Bessie Dance is assistant secretary and has been with the National Livestock Commission Company about 35 years. She is one of the most devoted employees on the Fort Worth yards and knows many of its shippers, making good use of her phenomenal memory.

Others in the office are Frank

Morris, bookkeeper, employee for 12 years; Miss Ruth Thomas, bookkeeper 17 years, and Joe Wages, bookkeeper of five years standing.

The livestock operations are divided into three departments. The cattle department is headed by Ben Lotspeich. With him are Pleas Ryan and Bill Few. Assistants include Frank Quirk, Roger Muney, Clay Finnell and Charley McDaniels.

The hog department has been in charge of George Jones for the past 12 years.

The sheep and goat department is headed by Everett Cooper. He is assisted by Dan Dagley. Mr. Cooper has been on the sheep yards since 1929 and has been with the National for the past five years. He has many friends throughout the industry.

All in the National Livestock Commission Company organization are optimists. "The industry has its ups and downs but livestock is basic. It will continue to make progress — and we intend to go right along."

## Texas Delaine News

By Mrs. G. A. Glimp

ONCE AGAIN parts of Texas have been blessed with rain! The relief this brought may mean the difference in a complete grain failure in places, to say nothing of the relief in pasture grasses.

Sheep shearing is the main topic for discussion in most of Central Texas. The sheep seem to have fared well indeed considering climatic conditions, but most flocks seemingly are shearing a lighter, shorter fleece than usual. This should not be too alarming, as they did well to survive in most places.

A number of new breeders and others have made purchases recently. New members are always welcome into our Association, and any sheep sales look good to a breeder. Some of the recent transactions have been as follows:

Ellis Ellebracht purchased ewes with lambs from H. C. and Geo. Johanson and a stud ram from E. D. Spencer of Harper. Ellebracht is from Harper and sheep play an important role in his ranching activities.

Donald Bradford of Menard and R. W. Sagebeil of Fredericksburg purchased ewes from the R. R. Walsom flock. There is no doubt but these may be in the show circuits another year.

William N. Browne of Bandera sold three ewes to Edward Paul Laskowski of Bandera. Edward Paul plans to show at Bandera May 2nd. Also showing sheep at that time will be Leila Nell Nelson, and L. F. Evans, Jr., and Charlie Britsch.

Joe Allcorn sold two ewes to R. E. Brewster of Junction. Brewster also purchased three ram lambs and two

ewe lambs from Allcorn's 1953 crop of lambs.

Jerome Pietzsch of Hamilton has added to his flock of ewes, some of the M. E. Gromatzky flock.

Paul Schuman of Pottsville purchased a stud ram from Oscar Stegemoller of Pottsville.

H. E. Crow of Burnett is still hampered from doing heavy work by the neck brace he has had to wear since his injury last summer. He states that sheep trends are bound to be on the upward trend, as he sold a ram to Jess Fry of Marble Falls for \$115 recently. This is no exorbitant price for a registered breeder to pay for a good stud ram, but it is like Mr. Crow stated that is a good price for a commercial breeder to pay.

Clyde Glimp was not fooling when he advertised his entire flocks of registered Delaines for sale. A lot of careful breeding, thoughtful consideration, and love for the industry have gone into the building up of this flock. This has been no easy task and certainly was not accomplished overnight. This has been a process started by Clyde and his father, the late A. N. Glimp, some thirty-one years ago and has been one of the most successful Delaine flocks. Clyde feels he no longer has the time it takes to devote to his registered sheep and continue his other ranching activities. Since the last issue of Sheep and Goat Raisers' magazine, Clyde has sold twenty ewes and a stud ram to N. Foote of Turnerville, fifty ewes and five rams to John H. Nash, Jr., of Austin and Round Rock, stud ram to Walter C. Jones of Jonesboro, and five lambs to Lynn Kirby of Sonora.

Reports from the Utopia section April 20th indicated that moisture was badly needed — oats were burning and grass and weeds were at a standstill. Sheep shearing was in progress — very little trading reported.

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## Sul Ross Students and Ranchmen Study the Rambouillet Sheep

By W. E. (Bill) WILLIAMS  
Professor of Range Animal Husbandry

THE FOUNDERS of the early Spanish missions brought in the first in Texas, and we wonder what these Padres would have thought if they could have seen the improved Rambouillet sheep used in the Pierce Ranch Rambouillet Judging Contest held recently for Sul Ross College students and interested ranchers.

Perhaps these Padres would not have recognized the animals as being related to the sheep they introduced into Southwest Texas. We also imagine that Arthur G. Anderson, the first importer of purebred sheep into Texas from California, would have been equally interested in these outstanding sheep bred by the Pierce Ranch.

The contest is an annual affair held by Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pierce at their Altura Ranch for students in the range animal husbandry department of Sul Ross College.

The contest for ranchers was an added feature of this year's contest. The ranchers entered in the contest with equal enthusiasm as shown by the college students. Cash awards were given to Ralph Meriwether, ranch winner, and to sixteen college student winners.

A typical western barbecue was served to one hundred contestants and guests.

President Bryan Wildenthal, Sul Ross College, commended the wonderful western hospitality as demonstrated by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and

all the other ranchers of West Texas. He pointed out that the rancher's interest in Sul Ross had made the college and its range animal husbandry department outstanding. West Texas ranchers donated all the foundation stock for the college ranch and continue to show a deep interest in expanding and improving the college livestock.

Bill Sohl, a local rancher, stated that the contest was difficult for both the rancher and college student in that the classes were made up of champions from major Texas shows. Therefore, it was difficult to place one champion over another.

It is natural and fitting that the range animal husbandry department continue to stress the importance of sheep production since the department serves a territory that produces about one-fifth of the sheep and wool produced in the United States. About six million head of sheep graze on the ranges of West Texas.

The department emphasizes the importance of adequate range vegetation and has designed courses in range and livestock management to meet this need. The Pierce Contest is typical of what West Texas ranchers are doing to make the range animal husbandry students of Sul Ross conscious of the opportunities in range production and to show them that ranching is truly "a good way of life" for those who are prepared to meet the challenge.



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1. A number of the members of the Clip and Brand Club of Sul Ross College judge a line of Rambouillet sheep.

2. Sixteen Sul Ross students who received \$100 cash awards in the judging are shown here. They are from left to right: Virgil Cunningham, Odessa, holding ram. Front row: Monty Ballard, Dimmit; Wayne Barent, Shamrock; Tom Stevenson, Sweetwater; Pat Humphreys, Comstock; Trudy Acton, Ft. Davis; Bob Baker, Harper; Jimmy Calvert, Maryneal; Miles Pierce, sponsor. Back row: Bob Powell, Artesia, New Mexico; Charles Cowert, Uvalde; Nat Read, Ozona; Don Jobes, Alpine; Rodrick Webb, Tennyson; Clyde Martin, Port Arthur; Richard Turner and Bud Burney, Odessa.

3. Tabulating the results of the Rambouillet sheep judging contest. Left to right, seated: Hansen, Sweat, and W. E. Williams. Back row: Miles Pierce, James Page, Nevill Haynes, Keith Morrow and E. E. Turner.

4. The officials check the results. Miles Pierce, sponsor; Bryan Wildenthal, President, Sul Ross; Jack Stovall, Business Manager of the College; A. J. Bierschawle, head of the Range Animal Husbandry Department, and E. E. Turner and W. E. Williams, Department of Range Animal Husbandry.

## Monte Griffin of Lamesa Has Well-Planned Farm Program

IT TAKES a lot of work, but Monte doesn't mind that so long as the work will show results. And the work that Monte Griffin, 18 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stut Griffin, has been doing is long on results. He is right in the middle of one of the largest supervised farming programs on the South Plains and this fall he will have to shift his program somewhat as he is headed for Texas Tech College, Lubbock, to learn more about agriculture and its problems.

At the present time the work that Monte is doing is being supervised by Bill Atwood, one of the Vocational Agriculture teachers in the Lamesa High School. The farm is west of Lamesa some 16 miles and in a land that tends to grow big hogs, cotton and a few sheep. Naturally the former has been the focal point of Monte's attention since he started his Ag. studies in 1949, under Bill Atwood, who has just rejoined the Lamesa school after serving a two-year stint in the Vet Corps of the Army.

The awards won by Monte in his exhibition of Berkshire and Chester White hogs are lengthy and include championships at the State Fair, the Fort Worth Show and the San Antonio show as well as a number of the lesser exhibits including the Panhandle South Plains Fair in Lubbock.

### Sheep Program Strong

The past spring, Monte purchased four Southdowns and one Shropshire lamb for sheep feeding program. He placed two at the Fort Worth Show, two in the San Antonio Show, winning 2nd place in the medium wool

division with over 200 in the class. He had the Grand Champion South down at the South Plains Jr. Fat Stock Show at Lubbock, which sold for \$5.00 a pound, a record price for this show.

### Leadership Activities

Taking care of animals and crops, he has also found time for leadership activities in the Lamesa F. F. A. Chapter.

His freshman year, Monte was on the F. F. A. Quiz team that placed 5th in State, served as president of the Jr. Chapter Conducting Team that was also eligible for the State contest, was on the Livestock Judging team, attended the National Convention in Kansas City, was a delegate to the state convention, and was elected Sentinel of the Chapter.

During his Sophomore year he served on two teams, was chapter parliamentarian, and was chapter delegate to the state and area conventions. The following year, his third in Lamesa High School, he served on three chapter teams and was president of the junior class.

### Attends Livestock Shows

In addition to other activities he has shown livestock at Lamesa, Lubbock, San Angelo, Odessa, Fort Worth, Dallas, and San Antonio. This next year he will show lamb and hogs at Houston, Amarillo, International at Chicago, American Royal at Kansas City, in addition to shows he has already attended.

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## Foxtail Johnson Objects

OUT THIS way the dirt roads is about what you'd expect of dirt roads. The pavements is about what you'd expect of dirt roads.

My nephew, Fiddleneck, has studied law six years and still can't pass the bar examinations. Can't even pass a bar.

I'm plumb tired of that joke about the feller that had seen it rain twice. Here on Suawberry Flat we've seen it rain twice in one year.

If you want your children to act diffrent, let on like you approve the way they act now.

I'm a better man than George Washington. He couldn't tell a lie. I can.

Nub Plinker says his wife must be sanforized. She sure ain't shrunk none since they was married.

To the reds I look like a capitalist spy and to the capitalists I look like a red spy. Makes me a plumb outeast but it sure saves me a pile of money on dues.

Beef ain't quite cheap enough to eat yet but it's too durn cheap to raise.

Sure a lot of tourists through Hardscrabble here lately. Seems that one of the oil companies made a mistake in its new map and it misleads people to a place where no tourist in his right mind would want to go.

Mrs. Len Hippie says her baby went to sleep yesterday and she was sure it was bad sick, but before she

could find a doctor's number in the phone book the baby woke up again.

No matter how much city folks cut down their workin' hours, they don't never seem to have enough time to get all their loafin' done.

Mrs. Smig Posey has been married three weeks and says she has the world's best husband. Mrs. Ringtail Skump has been married 33 years and says she has the world's worst husband. Mrs. Posey exaggerates.

Well, I guess this mebane is pretty good cotton. But it sure won't yield up with pool hall cotton.

Common, plug-along cotton farmers grease their tractors every spring. Real champion growers keep their cues chalked all winter.

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Several members of the legislacher swear on a stock of red chips they'll never run again. Don't blame 'em. Nobody can drink that Austin licker on \$10 a night.

Kinda looks like Ez Benson is gonna put over flexible supports for crops. Mrs. Ringtail Skump says that's the kind of support she used to get from Ringtail, till it flexed down plumb outa sight.

Science never done nothin' for me. Ain't enough fertilizer in the world to make my crops grow. Ain't enough 2-4-D to kill my weeds.

It don't always take licker to make people act silly. Some people it don't even help.

If you'd live a long and happy life, be careful with alcohol, be cautious with fire, and be plumb skeered of wimmen.

My nephew, Frogmoss, has been in college six years and still he ain't educated. But his dice is.

People's forever pickin' up and runnin' with some dampnool idea I throw out just for devilmint. Now if I could only sell 'em — but that's only another dampnool idea.

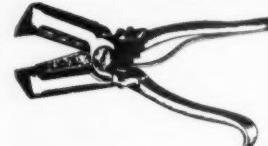
Quite a lot of talk around here about a bond issue for 17 civic improvements. Some of us better citizens figger that one-way bus tickets for about that many of our worser citizens would put Hardscrabble ahead 50 years.

Mrs. Sledge Wicup says things ain't changed much at their place this year. Same old car, same old tractor, same old deep freeze. Nothin' new but two-three more debts.

I'm goin' rabbit huntin' tomorrow, but don't send out no search party if I get lost. I ain't never been lost yet but what it was a-purpose.

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By BILL GATLIN

San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

DATES FOR the second annual Miss Wool Fashion Revue have been set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 3, 4 and 5. This will be a month earlier than the first show which was staged during the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers convention during November of last year. This early date has been set in order to have the show nearer the time when the fall wool clothing is being shown on the market.

Plans are progressing rapidly towards having a three-day Wool Fiesta in San Angelo in which the wool fashion revue will be the highlight. This three-day fiesta will be similar to the Fall Fiesta held in San Angelo in recent years. Preliminary plans call for a parade, reception, the wool fashion revue, coronation ball and many other activities in which the public will be able to participate.

According to Mrs. E. S. Mayer of Sonoma, chairman for this year's show, Miss Wool will again be a well-dressed girl. Garments in the wool wardrobe will include sportswear, evening dresses, suits, coats, street dresses, formal and dinner dresses, and

some especially selected hats. Besides the wardrobe Miss Wool will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the fashion centers of the nation and so that she will be able to carry the newly won wardrobe with her. The United States Trunk Company through Gem Jewelers of San Angelo is giving her a beautiful set of matched luggage.

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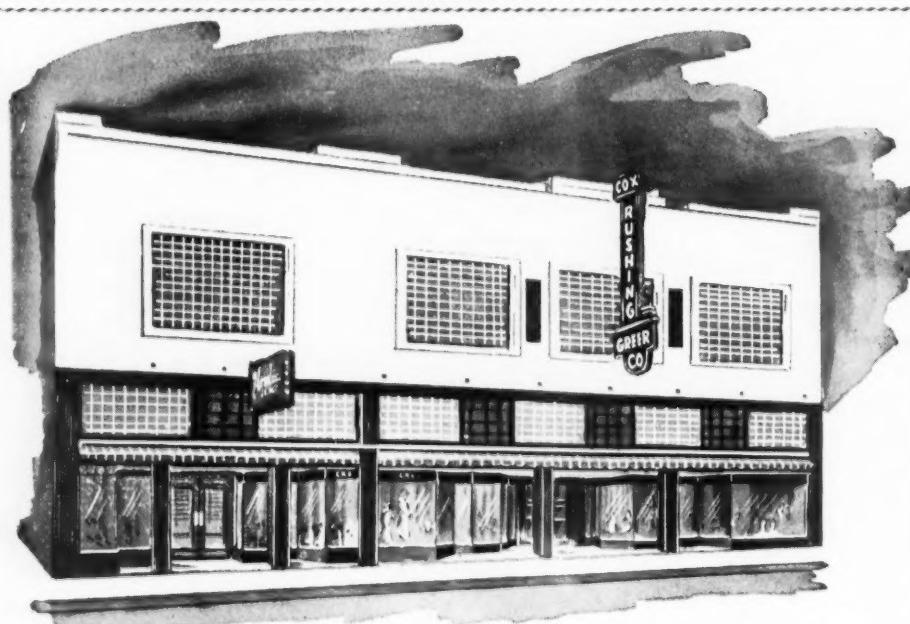
The place near San Angelo is also highly improved and Mr. Whitaker is now making it his home. This place was formerly owned by the late Ben Gilbert and is sometimes known as The Ethel Schwalbe place.

### Meat Situation

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larger than last year. In aggregate volume there will not be much lamb, and for awhile, subnormal pork offerings. But earlier sharply toned down estimates of pigs to be littered this year no doubt will be revised upward now that the hog-corn ratio is around 14 to 1.

And what will western feeder lambs actually be worth this fall and winter? Guesses are \$18.00 down. No long term lambs have been confirmed above \$17.50. Moreover replacement cattle buying has been hand-to-mouth, except for a few bands of name-brand Texas steer calves and light yearlings simply because as yet buyers do not know what they can safely pay and sellers do not know what to ask. Having laid in several crops of thin cattle rumously high, cornbelt and commercial feedlots insist, as usual that the West will have to get away down on both feeder cattle and lambs. Scrutiny of prices out west and Southwest at the moment, however, might suggest that if price levels crumble much more, taxes, wages and interest rates being what they are, the game will not merit the candle. There can hardly be much stabilization in either fat or feeder cattle so long as 35,000 to 50,000 more killers than a year earlier are headed toward the nation's beef coolers.



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By JEWELL CASEY

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The long, wavy-margined, grass-like leaves are sometimes very colorful, bright purple underneath and rich green on top. This plant is very pretty when planted beside lily pools, and it thrives in rich soil with plenty of moisture. Once started, the plant will come out from roots in early spring for many years.

**BLUE TEXAS STAR** (*Ansonia texana*) a tall, slender and erect plant with grass-like leaves growing to the top, is noticeable because of its flat-topped clusters of pale blue, star-shaped blossoms. There are many flowers to each plant and they grow in loose clusters at the ends of the branches.

The plants attain a height of 1 to 2 feet and have a long flowering season. They are almost exactly the same pretty shade of blue as the plumbago, a favorite garden plant. Because of their enduring qualities, the Blue Texas Stars are admirable in mixed floral arrangements.

The Highway Department is responsible for great beds of this pretty native along the highways, whereas there might have been only a few — or none — had not the seeds been sowed.

Texas Star refers to the perfect star-shape of the small blossoms.

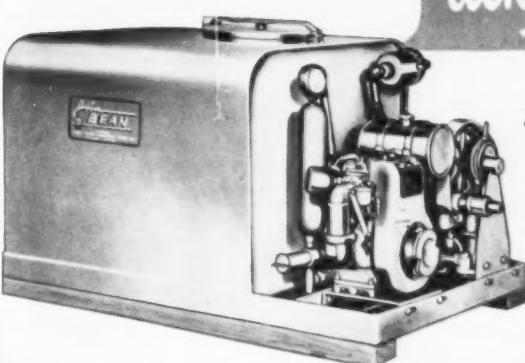
**WHITE PRICKLY POPPY** (*Argemone alba*) also known as Mexican Thistle is a robust annual growing to a height of 2 to 4 feet, and has a long flowering season. The deeply notched and spiny leaves, a beautiful shade of bluish-green slightly touched with a silvery sheen, combine with the large snow-white blossoms, with petals as fine and soft as tissue paper, and plump knobs of golden colored stamens, in making the poppy a very attractive plant.

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## Outdoor Notes

By JOE AUSTELL SMALL

### He Wasn't Just A'wuffin'

A polite motorist, passing through a small western town, stopped for a cool drink. Seeing the sheriff nearby, and wishing to show proper respect for the town ordinances, he asked:

"Don't see any signs. What is the speed limit through this town?"

"Ain't got none," the Sheriff replied. "You fellows can't get through here fast enough to suit us."

### Clean Catfish

John Bright of Bryan, Texas, caught a 10-lb. catfish in the Brazos River. Noting a bulge in its stomach, he slit open the fish and removed a full-sized cake of Sweetheart soap.

Some fishermen use soap to bait their catfish lines. Mostly they are kidded about it, but the above would seem to prove that there is something about soap a catfish likes.

### Unsalty Sap

No chemist has yet succeeded in making something that will strain out the salt from sea water by simple means. Yet, the coconut palm does it — its roots usually in sea water of a lagoon — yet the sap is always sweet water, free from salt.

### What! No Gas?

When a 400-lb. alligator was killed recently in the Louisiana bayou country, his stomach was cut open and examined. It contained grass, leaves, feathers, and turtles — but no fish. There were six turtles ranging in size from four to nine inches in diameter.

In a nine foot Mississippi gator's stomach was found the leg-bands from two wild ducks. Investigation revealed that one duck had been banded in British Columbia and the other in Ontario.

### Mine-sweeping Shark

The biggest shark ever landed from Ocracoke Island (North Carolina) beaches was a 526-lb. shovel-nose caught in October, 1943.

Not only was this specimen a record-breaker in size, measuring over 12-feet long and requiring six fishermen working in relays to haul him ashore, but was the only mine-sweeping shark ever captured on the Atlantic coast so far as North Carolina officials can determine.

Fishermen expressed the opinion that 25-lbs. of copper wire, embedded

in his tail and one fin, came from extensive mine fields off the coast at that time.

### One Among Million

It may be a man's world, but he is just one among a million other animal species! Approximately two-thirds of this million species are insects. Scientists estimate that there are more different species of life now extinct than there are in existence.

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#### Spider Facts

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One little fact you may not know — when spiders bite each other's legs off, new ones grow back. So what? Spider legs, that's what.

#### Joke (We Hope)

Scene: A sportsman's lodge.

Enter the braggart who fancies himself quite a fisherman.

"Well, men," he starts off. "It wasn't so hot today. Only got one that weighed a mite over ten pounds — but what does that amount to?"

A bored voice from the group answered, "About a pound or less."

#### Lot of Snake

The Anaconda of South America grows to the longest length of any snake, occasionally exceeding thirty feet. One specimen has been reported which measured 36-feet long. The Australian python often attains a length of 30-ft.

#### Short Snorts

The "wings" of flying squirrels are not true wings at all, but simply unbraced folds of skin along the sides of the body and attached to the front and hind legs.

Pandas belong to the raccoon family. The word "panda" is said to be a corruption of the native Nepalese name which means "bamboo eater."

Eight North American animals hibernate during cold winter months: the bear, raccoon, jumping mouse, woodchuck, chipmunk, badger, bat, and gopher.

## Lamb Sales Test Scheduled for Brownwood Retail Stores

BROWNWOOD WILL be a test city for lamb sales this year, according to Mrs. John Alexander of Brownwood, a member of the Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Definite sales aids to the retail stores are to be furnished in the form of display charts and recipe folders for customers.

In a preliminary survey it was found that while very few of the Brownwood retail stores sell lamb there has been a slight increase in sales in one of the larger Brownwood stores handling lamb. This store is the Brownwood Safeway at 101 East Depot Street, managed by Mr. Louis Goddard. It was found that this store has been selling U. S. Choice graded lamb for about two years and sales have averaged about 1½ lambs per week. Lamb chops have been a slow sale. While lamb meat in this

store has been given choice display no special advertising has been given to it.

While the Safeway store manager has been most cooperative he has had no especial reason to push the sale of lamb meat. This is to be remedied, according to Mrs. Alexander, and promotion helps are to be furnished all Brownwood stores cooperating in the lamb sales test. The Safeway manager has been cooperative and enthusiastic about the plan and has promised supplemental advertising in the local press.

The experimental test in the heart of Texas in an area where many lambs are fed will be most interesting to watch. It is indicative of the increased activity on the part of the producers and handlers of lamb in promoting this product so vital to the sheep industry.

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Every ranch library can be improvised and a few books added from day to day will afford many hours of pleasure and instruction to the entire family. A good deal of time can be saved by careful choosing of books but in spite of everything that can be done one person's judgment may not satisfy another's whim. Nevertheless, from time to time, a listing of new and old books will appear in this column with a comment or two, a review, and a suggestion. The price of the books offered here will be right and the guarantee that you will be satisfied will assure you against loss and, we hope, add to your satisfaction in using the BOOK DEPARTMENT of this magazine.

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A comment or two on recent books coming to this office. Here will be mentioned only those that we feel might be worth your reading.

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"PARTNER OF THE WIND" by Jack Thorp as told to Neil Clark is another Caxton book with considerable merit. Written by a cowboy and cattleman, it catches the spirit of range days and holds interest in a variety of subjects pertaining to range life and tradition. Thorp was the author of the famous cowboy song, "Little Joe the Wrangler," and the book's first chapter "Banjo in the Cow Camp" tells a lot about cowboy songs and their singers. Other chapters, too, will be found interesting, "Barefoot Horses," "Five-Hundred-Mile Horse Race," "On the Dodge," "Billy (The Kid)" Bonney," "Cowboy Humor," "Death at Coronado," "Tack, Mule and Gear," and several others. If you like the cowboys, you will like this book as it is one of the best offered recently — \$4.00.

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## Use of Herbicides in the Killing Of Lindheimer Pricklypear

SOME EXCELLENT experimental work has been done recently by Robert A. Darrow, professor of the Department of Range and Forestry, College Station; Lucas Reyes and R. A. Hall, junior agronomist and superintendent, Substation No. 1, Beeville with herbicides on the Lindheimer pricklypear. This is the large-jointed, upright pricklypear cactus common throughout most of South Texas. It has spread and increased noticeably in abundance during the past several decades as associated with the increase in mesquite and other brush in that area. Plants normally attain height of 3 to 6 feet and propagate readily from the dislodged joints or pads. Clearing land by chaining, roller-cutting or other mechanical methods often lead to increased densities of the cactus.

Limited response of pricklypear has been noted with aerial spray applications of 2,4,5-T ester at 2.3 to 2.23 pounds per acre in 4 gallons of oil or emulsion. Although a partial control or reduction of pricklypear in dense brush types of South Texas might be expected with the 2,4,5-T sprays used for mesquite control, applications designed specifically for control of cactus do not appear feasible at this time.

Effective control of mature plants and sprout regrowth of Lindheimer pricklypear was obtained with 2,4,5-T ester at 0.6 and 1.0 percent acid in oil and 1:1 oil-water sprays.

Small plants and regrowth pricklypear following mechanical clearing responded to a wider range of herbicidal applications than mature plants.

Chemical control of Lindheimer pricklypear with oil sprays containing 1 percent 2,4,5-T ester may be economically feasible in localized areas of small plants or regrowth following mechanical treatment or burning. A spray solution containing approximately 1 percent 2,4,5-T ester can be prepared from commercial preparations of low volatile esters of 2,4,5-T containing 4 pounds acid per gallon by mixing 1 gallon of herbicide in 50 gallons of diesel fuel or kerosene.

Complete report of the experimental work is available to those interested and can be obtained by writing to Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas, for Report 1561.

### CHEMICAL CONTROL OF HUISACHE

Huisache (*Acacia Farnesiana*) is an evergreen leguminous shrub or small tree that commonly invades range and pasture land in the Gulf Coast Prairie region. The Soil Conservation Service estimates that it occupies 6,380,000 acres in Texas in a belt from Harris County westward through much of the Rio Grande Plain to northern Brooks and Kennedy Counties. Huisache tends to develop into a single-trunked tree in the region of its great abundance, but may assume a bushy habit of growth when subjected to several freezes such as those experienced in 1949 and 1951.

In progress report 1560 issued by Robert A. Darrow, Lucas Reyes and R. A. Hall there is outlined the considerable research conducted in the chemical control and eradication of Huisache with herbicides.

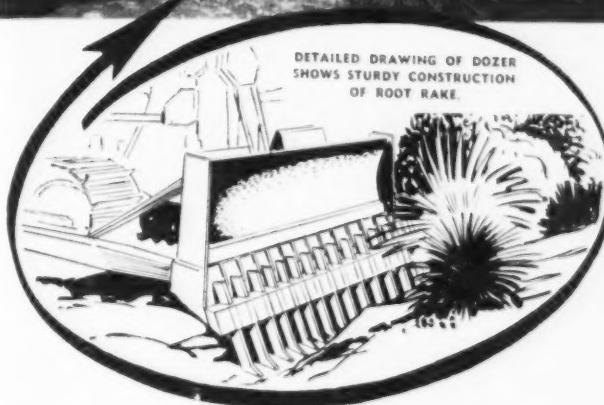
#### Summary

Folage sprays of 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D in oil and oil-water emulsions have not given effective control of huisache.

Effective control of huisache can be obtained throughout the year with oil applied at the trunk base in sufficient quantity to thoroughly cover the root crown, and with oil solutions containing 2,4,5-T ester at 8 pounds per 100 gallons applied as a wetting spray to the basal 15 to 18 inches of the trunk. Cost of materials for the basal-pour method is 2 to 3 cents per tree in comparison with 1.1 cents per tree for the 2,4,5-T oil spray. Combined material and labor costs for the two methods are approximately equal.

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The sheepman scratched his head and pondered, then asked: "If I get a few of 'em out of here, would there be room for me?"

"Well, I reckon so."

So the sheepman went in, prowled around until he located a group of sheepmen. "Say, Clem," he whispered, pulling one aside. "Have you heard about all that good sheep country they are opening up in New Mexico. It's the best and the cheapest that's been offered for sale in seventy years—and there's about enough for five good sheep ranches left."

"No!" gasped the other, and hurried off to New Mexico to get in on the deal. After he had pulled the stunt about a dozen times, the sheepman reported back to St. Peter and got permission to remain.

But after a few days he began to fret. He bit his nails, lost his appetite.

"Now, what?" questioned St. Peter. "Aren't you happy in heaven?"

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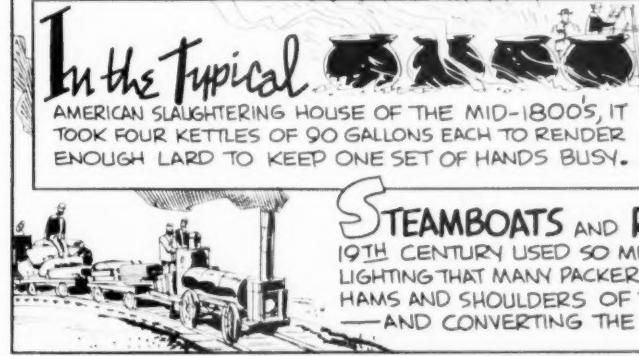
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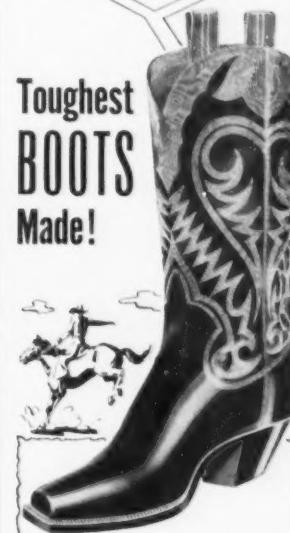
The Mrs. found little Willy sobbing in the basement of the house.

"Why, Willy, what is the matter?" she asked. "The hammer fell on daddy's foot," cried Willy sobbing even more loudly. "But, Willy, dear, that's nothing for you to cry about," said his mother. "I didn't think so either," said Willy, "and I didn't cry either."

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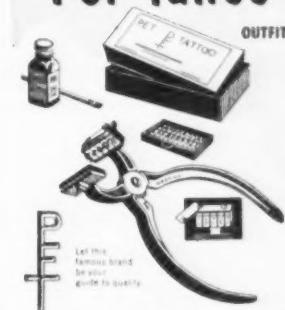


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There is one multi-million dollar business, that, as far as I know, has never had an account with an advertising agency. That is our business, yours and mine, a big business and a very essential business — sheep and wool. There is some advertising in "The Sheep and Goat Raiser." I like to

read this magazine every month. It is an excellent trade journal, one of the very best, and deserves a lot of credit for its information TO THE LIVESTOCK PEOPLE! Sure, I like to read it, and so do you, but who, outside of the sheep and goat people of Texas read it? Do the housewives all over the nation that could go to the market and ask for lamb — do they ever see it?

Pick up a current magazine. It's filled with full-page ads enticing you to buy HAM FOR EASTER — beautiful color photographs of decorated, mouth-watering hams. Lamb is also a traditional Easter feast but I have been unable to find a single advertisement for lamb. At that rate, how long will lamb continue to be a traditional Easter meal? The makers of synthetic fabrics have spent thousands advertising their "acrilon," "lorette" etc. that are competing with and unfortunately sometimes replacing wool every day. Some of the big woolen mills like Forstmann and Botany advertise wool but not to the extent of the immense promotion schemes of DuPont and some of the other makers of synthetics.

Have you ever noticed the "Sunkist" lemon ads? These "Sunkist" lemons, I understand, are not all grown in one big lemon orchard. Instead, they are the product of small farmers, who have gotten together and marketed their lemons under the "Sunkist" label and spent a small fortune advertising them. Why would it not be possible for the sheep people to do this? Why don't we have a public relations agent and an advertising firm turning out slick ads for us in newspapers, magazines, and on radio and television? Why can't we have high-priced and popular talent cooing "Eat Lamb," "Wear Wool" etc.?

If everybody in the business would contribute a few cents a head on each sheep he owns, we too could get in there and make the American housewife and her family yearn for lamb chops and all-wool clothes. No thinking person can deny the fact that the influence of advertising is ENORMOUS. How about our getting in there and letting the public know we have something to sell?

MRS. FRED S. HARLOW  
Comstock, Texas

### Ed's Note:

The 25 cents per bag deduction from the grower's receipts from his sale of wool and/or mohair directed to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association as dues provides 5 cents per bag for wool and mohair promotion. These funds so collected usually go to the American Wool Council which is somewhat of a collection agency for the money from domestic growers for the Wool Bureau. The Wool Bureau is the central agency supported by wool growers throughout the world and the stated purpose of the Wool Bureau is to advertise wool. While there have been some full color ads in the national magazines advertising wool these have been very recent and pitifully few. The need for advertising wool is obvious, yet many of our own Texas growers refuse to pay ANYTHING at all toward the support of their association or advertising their products, preferring, I suppose to "let George do it" and if George can't or won't do it, then to hell with it — "we'll raise hogs or something else" — or go broke.

There is an organization set up to do effective advertising for wool — and much has already been done. But two things are absolutely essential for the continuation of wool promotion and advertising — MONEY and the unselfish and skillful use of this money. This means that Texas growers must cooperate with their funds and with their attention to an extent that has hitherto been preferred only partially.

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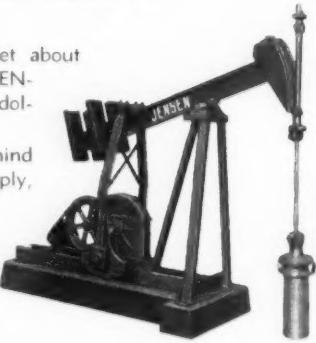

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## Ranching

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but have time to graze first. Full ewes won't leave a sick lamb after marking. Lambs are never marked after dinner. Never more than 400 ewes are run in a pasture. Most of the waterings are in large water lots which helps in penning the sheep. Shearers are moved to the sheep. They seldom move sheep through a pasture for shearing and usually shear in five or six different places.

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"Range improvement is crossways with our breeding," Dooley says, then explains this thought-provoking statement. "If we are stocked lightly enough to permit ranges to improve, we must have more feed than the stock can eat and they get too fat. Overfat sheep and cattle are difficult to breed, so we have to crowd them up to take off flesh and this beats some of our country up again." Some of this trouble may be because he is asking these ewes to breed well ahead of the usual breeding season. Even though ewes of fine wool breeding are superior in this respect, they do not breed quite as well off season as they do during the usual season. Most sheepmen would consider his breeding results excellent.

Dooley is a strong supporter of the work of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and this year is chairman of the membership committee. He thinks the reason some sheepmen are not supporting the Association is that they just don't know enough about its work and accomplishments to realize how much it is

helping the industry and the sheepmen individually. He says we have made rapid strides in selling Texas lambs, but that we still have a long way to go in promoting our wool. Too many producers don't know enough about the wool they have to sell — its shrink, grade, class, and value.

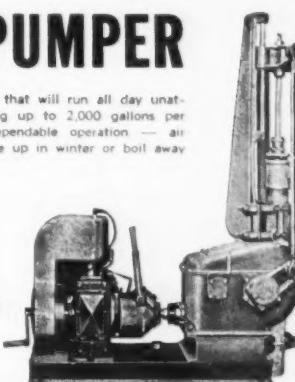
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# SAN ANTONIO --

## LARGE RUNS WEAKEN SHEEP AND GOAT PRICES IN TEXAS

APRIL OFFERED a variety of unusual developments in livestock trading. Some of the largest cattle runs in many years arrived at several of the country's leading stockyards. Hogs brought the highest prices since August of 1952 at most points. And for the first time in about seven years, beef on the hoof sold cheaper per pound than hogs on the hoof. Also, the largest sheep and lamb run since last September came into Texas stockyards.

Those are a few highlights of livestock trading during the first part of April, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration.

With the large supply of sheep and lambs on sale in Texas and further declines in dressed lamb prices at wholesale centers, live market values weakened slightly on most classes. However, spring lambs escaped the downward trend and even made a slight gain at Fort Worth.

Marketing of sheep and lambs in Texas from April 1-20 brought in 54,500 head — 47,800 at Fort Worth and 6,700 at San Antonio. The run was not only more than twice as large as the same period last month and a third larger than a year ago, but it was also the largest supply for a similar period in Texas since 95,000 head arrived last September.

Fully half of the run was comprised of old-crop shorn slaughter lambs. Spring lambs made up around 25 to 30 per cent of the supply, leaving only a few feeder lambs, aged sheep and yearlings.

Good pre-Easter demand for dressed lamb and relatively small supplies of spring lambs at that time were the main stabilizing factors in the market for springers. Although prices worked consistently lower after Easter in line with a similar trend on dressed lamb, spring lambs managed to show a 50c advance for the period, April 1-20, at Fort Worth. San Antonio's prices showed no change from March's close, though.

Fort Worth sold choice and prime grade spring lambs at \$24 to \$25 per 100 pounds, the latter price highest since last September. Utility and good offerings went at \$20 to \$23.50. San Antonio listed good and choice springers at \$20, with a few sales up to \$21.50.

Very few wooled slaughter lambs were offered as most of the supply was shorn. Net price changes for the month ranged from steady to 50c lower at Fort Worth and from steady to 85c lower at San Antonio. Good and choice shorn lambs went on slaughter account at \$19 to \$19.50 in Fort Worth and at \$17 to \$17.65 in San Antonio. Utility and good lots spread from \$18 to \$18.50 at Fort Worth.

Hardly any yearlings arrived at San Antonio. The few offered at Fort Worth took a loss of \$2, as good and choice grades crossed the scales at \$15 to \$16.

In spite of the small supply, ewe prices ranged from 50c to \$1 lower at Fort Worth and from 50c to \$1.50 lower at San Antonio. Aged wethers shared the trend with ewes at the Alamo City but some sales were off as much as \$1.75. Good and choice shorn ewes and wethers turned at \$8.50 to \$10 in San Antonio, while cull and utility lots made \$5.50 to \$8. Fort Worth moved most cull to good shorn ewes at 57 to 88.

Losses of 50c to \$1 hit feeder lambs at both Texas stockyards. By mid-month, San Antonio sent choice feeder lambs back to the country at \$18, while medium and good lots returned \$15 to \$16.50. Fort Worth cleared medium and good shorn stocker and feeder lambs in a \$15 to \$18 price range. Not enough breeding ewes were offered in Texas to establish a market.

Mature slaughter goats lost 50c to \$1 per 100 pounds at San Antonio during April, while kid goats were only 25c per head lower.

Receipts of about 2,400 goats were only 14 per cent larger than the month before, but they ran 25 per cent less than the same period last year.

Trading was fairly active and generally dependable on the relatively small supply on sale most sessions, but movement of stockers was dull throughout the month.

By mid-April, the bulk of medium and good shorn Angora and Spanish



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# GATEWAY TO SOUTHWEST

type mixed nannies and wethers sold at \$8 to \$9 per 100 pounds. Common and medium lots brought \$6 to \$7.50. Common and medium kids went to slaughter at \$5 to \$5.50 per head, with some up to \$6.75 each.

Cattle suffered further price declines in April as marketings continued heavy and dressed beef trade failed to show any improvement at wholesale centers. Stocker calves fell \$5.50 to \$4 in Texas and mature replacement cattle lost around \$2, reflecting the break in fat cattle markets. Bulls lost \$2 to \$3; slaughter calves, \$1 to \$3; and slaughter steers and yearlings, around \$1 to \$1.50. Cows showed the least change and averaged only around 50¢ lower.

On the other hand, smaller supplies of hogs and higher prices for dressed pork brought advances in Texas hog markets. Butchers went up 75¢ to \$1 at Fort Worth and 50¢ at San Antonio. Sows gained 50¢ at both yards. Butchers sold at the highest price since mid-August at Fort Worth when some sales reached \$23 per 100 pounds.

As a result of the loss on slaughter steers and the advance on butcher hogs, beef on the hoof could be bought cheaper per pound than pork on the hoof at most Southwest stockyards. At mid-April, good and choice slaughter steers sold around \$21.50 per 100 pounds, while choice medium weight butcher hogs brought around \$22 to \$22.50.

George Asa Jones, formerly in the Sanderson area, has gone to Peru where he has accepted the position of

general manager of the Corro De Pasco Corporation, La Oroya, Peru. He has requested his magazine be forwarded to Peru.

## VOLKMANN MAKES SEVERAL SALES

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To Thorad Nehring, Waico, 25 bred ewes at \$30 in the wool.

George Stewardson, Santa Anna, bought a couple of rams one at \$60 and one at \$40.

In marking up his lamb crop Mr. Volkmann reported that out of seven pastures he marked up from 115 per cent to 120 per cent, with one pasture of 176 ewes marking 245 lambs — 69 sets of twins.

While marking up he vaccinated these lambs against Enterotoxemia (sometimes called blabber belly).

James F. Grote, former manager of the San Angelo Fat Stock show and later manager of the show at San Antonio, has accepted a position as manager of the Thornton Hereford Ranch at Boerne. Mr. Grote has recently returned from a year and half tour of duty with the armed services including service in Germany. Mr. Grote will live in Boerne with his wife, Louise, and 2½ year old son, Larry.

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Events include Calf Roping, Ribbon Roping, Bull Riding, and Bareback Bronc Riding. Girls events are Barrel Racing and Goat Tying. This year, as an added attraction, there will be a Matched Roping contest between "Slimgin" Sammy Baugh and Gene Newman.

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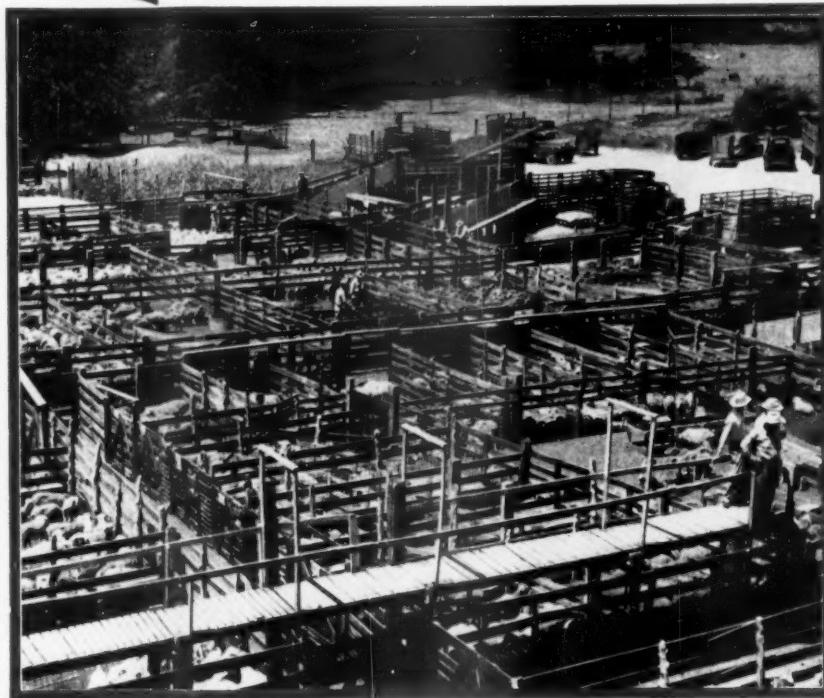
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## Purebred Sheep Breeders Recommend Rule Changes

AT A meeting May 1 and 2 in Temple, Texas, directors and members of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas met with several stock show officials of major livestock shows and discussed rule changes, a number of which were recommended.

One of the most controversial items on the panel for discussion was that of raising weight limit at the various shows. Mr. Edgar Dean, Manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, was not disposed to agree with the recommendation of the growers that the weight limit be lifted. "The weight limit of 105 pounds is that which is recommended by the packers and heavier lambs going to the market either direct or through the show carry a definite penalty. The lighter weight sheep are more favored and regarded as choice carcasses."

Officials of the livestock show at San Antonio, who also have retained a weight limit on show lambs that is objected to by most of the growers and by the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, had no representatives at the meeting.

Herman Engel and John S. Kuykendall, Manager and Assistant Manager of the Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, were present and pointed out to the growers that while the show this year featured 802 lambs, the average weight was only 111 pounds and that their show had endured no hardship by taking the limit off the show lambs. It had, they reported, received considerable favorable publicity and an abundance of lambs.

The growers repeatedly pointed out, one after another, that many West Texas club boys desiring lambs to feed had to go to another part of the state to buy lambs for feeding, usually lambs not suitable for practical raising on West Texas ranges; that if the lambs were grown in West Texas to meet the deadline for the shows, they were those usually which the ranchman had overlooked, many times late, stunted lambs and generally lambs not indicative of the normal lamb crop. The growers pointed out also that feeding such lambs and holding them back on feed in order to stay within the circumscribed weight limit was not practical.

"Texas sheepmen are devoted to raising the heaviest and best lambs possible in the shortest feeding time. They will continue to do this kind of a job because it is normal, practical and necessary, regardless of livestock show rules or packer prices."

The Purebred organization also recommended that Columbia breeding sheep shows be set up in the major shows where entries indicated sufficient interest. One show indicated it would like to have a guarantee of at least 40 sheep before setting up this class.

The Purebred breeders also recommended that the lamb flock in the breeding sheep show consist of four lambs with both sexes represented and

that this flock of lambs be bred by the exhibitor.

It was recommended to the shows that no judge of a breeding sheep show be asked to work in more than one major show in any one year.

They asked that the rule on trimming lambs be made uniform in all shows and that the rule be patterned after that of San Antonio which requires modest trimming — not harmful to the pelt.

They requested that the San Antonio show lift its weight limit on lambs and urgently requested that the San Antonio show provide better facilities for showing sheep and goats.

### Sheep Show

The quality of sheep in the seven breed shown at Temple ranged from fair to good. Guy Powell, County Agent of Kerr County, was the judge of the show which was held at the fair grounds in Temple.

Summary of the results follows:

### CORRIEDALES

H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, showed champion ram and ewe with W. M. Arnold, 2nd. Carl G. Climpson and Son, Burnet, 3rd. Claude Glimp 4th. Walston 5th. Aged ram class was won by Hamilton Chaot, Olney, David Watters, Goldthwaite, 2nd. Henry Kiphen, Gatesville, 3rd. Watters 4th. George Johanson, Brady, 5th.

Joe LeMay, Goldthwaite, had champion two-tooth ewe. Joe Alcorn, Talpa, 2nd. Watters and Tom Benningfield, Goldthwaite, 4th. and 5th.

Alcorn took first place in the four-to-six tooth ewe class and C. S. Sampson, Talpa, second.

### HAMPSHIRE

Mrs. Ammie Wilson, Piney, showed first place two-tooth ram Harrison Davis 2nd. Elmo Todd and Sons, Truscott, 3rd and 4th. Norman Beyer, Holland, 5th. The aged ram was shown by Todd. The champion ewe was a two-tooth ewe shown by Todd, as well as the second place ewe, Tom Hinton, Keller, 3rd and 4th. Davis showed first place aged ewe and Mrs. Wilson 2nd and 3rd.

### DELAINES

R. R. Walston had the champion ram, two-tooth, first place in the class. Claude Glimp, Lometa, 2nd. G. Climpson and Son, Burnet, 3rd. Claude Glimp 4th. Walston 5th. Aged ram class was won by Hamilton Chaot, Olney, David Watters, Goldthwaite, 2nd. Henry Kiphen, Gatesville, 3rd. Watters 4th. George Johanson, Brady, 5th.

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### RAMBOUILLETS

H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, 1st. A. W. Keys, Eldorado, 2nd. Wager Thompson, Brownwood, 3rd. P. Davenport, Hutto, 4th. and W. W. Wenzlind and Son, Hamilton, 5th.

Louis Tongate, Brooksmith, took first place in two-tooth ram class. Ed Ratliff, Bronte, 2nd. H. L. Wilkinson, Ganger, 3rd. and 4th. H. L. Davenport took first place in four-to-six tooth ewes. Noelke first in two-tooth. Wilkinson 2nd. Taliabero 3rd. and Davenport 4th. and 5th.

### SHROPSHIRE

Ed Brewster and Sons won all prizes in the Shropshire breed, taking 1st and 2nd in two-tooth rams, first in two-tooth ewes and first in four-to-six tooth ewes.

### SOUTHDOWNS

Hamilton Chaot, Olney, won first place in two-tooth ram class. Walter Setzig, Schulenburg, 2nd. Chaot took first place in two-tooth rams.

In the ewe class — two-tooth, Setzig, won 1st and 2nd. Chaot 3rd and 4th. and H. L. Berry, Lometa, 5th.

### Sale

The sheep sale at Temple on May 2 was rough in most spots with many of the offerings not selling. Some of the sheep did sell well. The top selling sheep was the champion Ramboillet ram consigned by H. C. Noelke, Sheffield. The buyer was Dr. L. R. Talley, Temple, who was also the top buyer. The ram brought \$215. A complete report of the sale was not available at press time.

## Sale of Domestic Wool to Japan Is Proposed by Willoughby

THE SALE of 125 million pounds of American wool to the Japanese government was proposed Friday, May 1, by Ray W. Willoughby, President of the National Wool Growers' Association, in testimony before the Senate Agriculture Committee in Washington. Willoughby said this was wool now in the government hands as a result of Commodity Credit Corporation foreclosure April 30 on wool produced in 1952 and placed under government loan at 90 per cent of parity.

The Association head said that the Department of Agriculture had refused to extend their foreclosure date on the loan to give sufficient time for the industry to further explore talks already started with the Japanese government on the possibility of removing a surplus stockpile from the American market.

"There was no need for a surplus to develop on the American market," Willoughby said, "except that the United States government import policies flooded the domestic market with cheap and subsidized foreign wool from countries seeking American dollars."

The National Wool Growers Association and the Allied Wool Industry Committee have been actively seek-

ing tariff protection in an effort to halt increasing imports into the United States which, Willoughby said, "has resulted in the slaughter of 41 per cent of the breeding ewes in this country during the past 10 years."

In his testimony before the Senate Committee, Willoughby asked that the government explore every possibility of removing this "unnecessarily surplus" stockpile.

In early May, Ernest Williams, Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, joined Ray Willoughby, President of the National Wool Growers' Association, and Clayton Puckett, past president of the Texas Association and a Fort Stockton ranchman, to speak in the hearings before Congress designed to secure additional tariff protection for wool. Fred Earwood, who had planned to make the trip, found that he couldn't go.

The W. T. Holman Estate of Sutton County is moving about 4,000 yearling muttons and two-year-old ewes to DeSoto, Kansas, where they are to be placed on summer pasture on the Sunflower Ordnance Plant land. They were to be shorn before moving.

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## Progeny Test Field Day Date Set

THE TEXAS Agricultural Experiment Station, Sub-station 14, has announced a Ranch day program for May 16 which will feature the report on improvement of sheep through the selection of performance tested and progeny tested breeding animals.

This will close the fifth test conducted at Sub-station 14, and a full report will be handed out as a part of the program.

The program is as follows:

9:00 A.M. to noon: Inspection of sire groups and general visiting by ranchmen, cooperators and station personnel.

12 noon: luncheon served by Sutton County 4-H Club.

1:00 P.M. — Sheep in Our Modern Agriculture by D. W. Williams, Vice-Chancellor, A&M College System.

Agricultural Research by Dr. R. E. Patterson, Vice-Director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Progeny Testing: Dr. J. C. Miller,

Head Animal Husbandry Department, A&M College, Texas.

Hormone Treatment of Range Ewes: Dr. D. A. Price, Veterinarian, Sub-Station No. 14.

Analysis of Progeny Test to Date: Dr. W. T. Magee, Animal Husbandman, Sub-Station No. 14.

Use of Progeny Tested Rams and Bulls and Their Performance: James M. Shelton, A&M College.

Emergency Feeds: by J. H. Jones, The Animal Husbandry Department, A&M College.

Demonstration of Skin Fold Counting and Evaluation: J. M. Jones, Animal Husbandry Department, A&M College, and O. L. Carpenter, Animal Husbandman, Sub-Station No. 14.

Program should conclude about 3:30.

## Factors Favoring Continued Strength in Wool Market

WHILE THE domestic wool market could be temporarily affected, even a slight sag in prices might not develop. Later in the year prices might be easier but there seems to be an equal chance that they could be stronger. Factors favoring the domestic market include:

The wool clip of Australia has been by and large already moved.

South American stocks have shown a considerable reduction — Argentina exportable surplus, for instance, is down by nearly 50%.

Government has charge of a large

part of domestic wools which helps to strengthen wool's position.

World-wide the consumption of wool is increasing.

Overall stocks of wool in foreign hands not excessive — figured to be about normal.

General business prospects in this country, at least to fall are considered favorable, regardless of Korean activities.

These are the opinions of A. W. Zelomick, Editor of the International Textile Apparel Analysis.

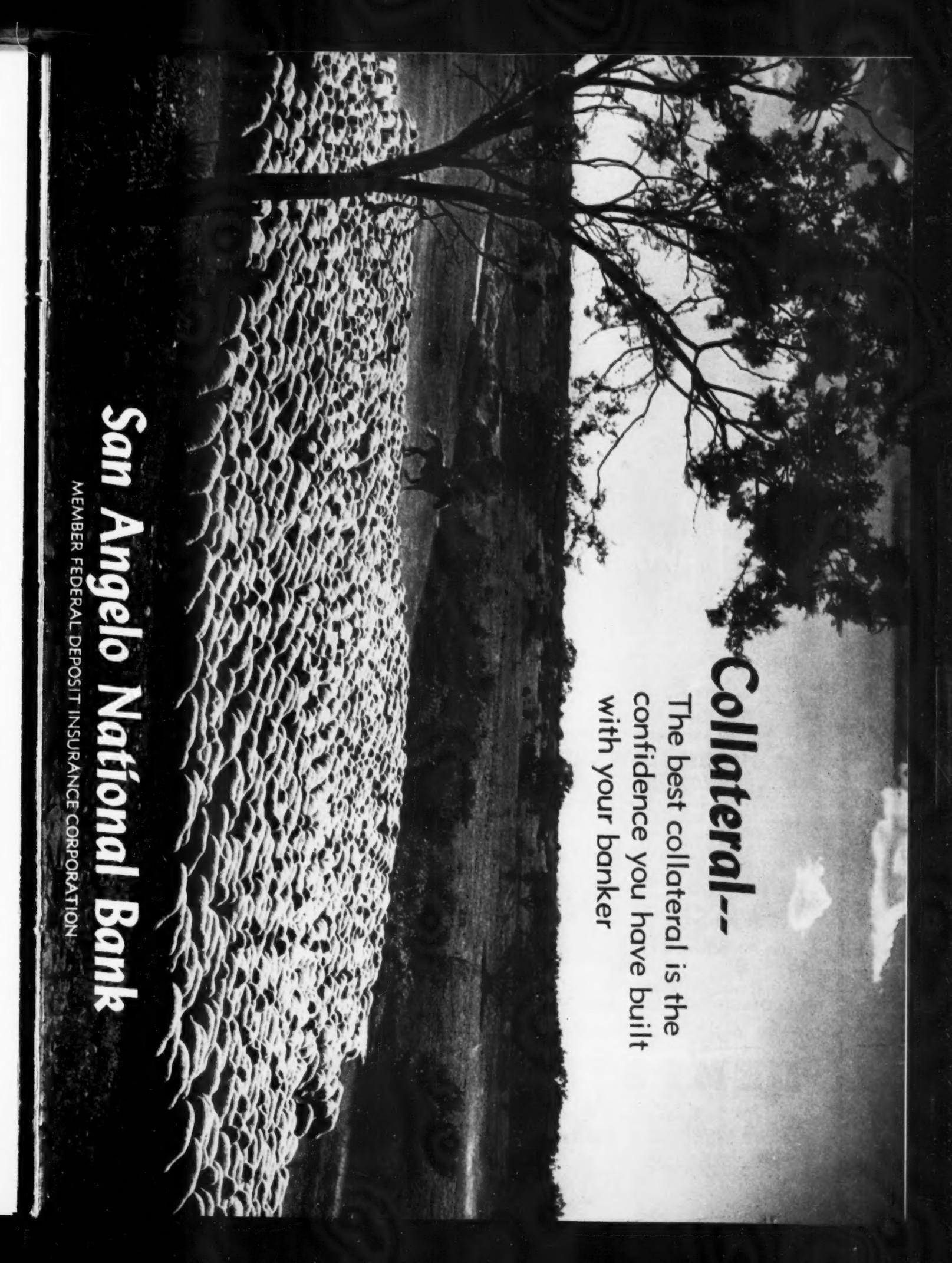
## Union Labor's Position On Imported Labor

"THE TESTIMONY of Ernest Williams, Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, San Angelo, and R. W. Hodge, Del Rio, Vice-president, was very helpful before the Committee on Agriculture," writes Congressman A. S. Herlong, Jr., of Florida, who is a member of the committee that revived the bill to permit the extension of agricultural workers from Mexico. "It seemed rather silly to the Committee, for example, that workers living just across the border and wanting to work in the U. S. should have to make the 900-mile trip to Iraquato in order to be processed and then, at the expense of the employer, have to be brought back the same 900 miles and more in order to get work."

"They certainly spike the opposition's claim that these Mexican Nationals were only brought in groups of 400 or 500 for certain large corporations and that they were of no benefit to the small rancher or farmer.

"One witness testifying on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, said there was enough American labor and we didn't need to import work-

ers. His position was obviously wrong and very short-sighted. He said, in effect that farm labor should be paid the same as labor in the great industrial plants at Detroit. This could be done if the farmer and rancher could set a price on what they sold. Unfortunately the farmer or rancher is the only person who invests his money to produce something, then puts it on the market and says: 'What will you give me for it?' When the price of the product of the farmer or rancher goes up, however, this witness, as a consumer, is the first person to ask Congress to clamp on ceiling prices or controls. If Agricultural workers wages were on the same basis as industrial workers, ranchers and farmers would lose money. They couldn't therefore continue in business. There would be a shortage of their products. Consumers then would have to bid for the scarce products at tremendously high prices or we would have to have rationing. There is no need for this. Our Committee and Congressman Fisher along with us, are working for a reasonable and common sense solution to the problem. We think we can get it."



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Immediately upon the installation of the pump and other equipment, water was turned into the ditches and borders of the 46 acres of ranch land which had been cleared, prepared and planted in alfalfa.

## TEXAS WOOL CLIP AND SHEEP NUMBERS DOWN

MOST WOOL and sheep surveys report a diminishing of sheep on Texas ranges due almost entirely to the drought which has hit hard during the past three years and is today only partially broken in several West Texas sheep producing areas. In such counties as Schleicher, Sutton, Sterling, Edwards, Val Verde, Irion, Tom Green and several others the numbers of sheep have been drastically reduced but the owners have not sold out entirely. Many thousands of yearling ewes and older ewes have been placed on leased grassland in east Texas and in Llano, San Saba, Williamson, Burnet, and adjacent counties. These sheep will be back on West Texas

land as soon as this land is able to carry them — soon after good rains.

The following is an estimate of the number of sheep in several counties at this time. It is definitely subject to drastic change when West Texas counties have adequate rainfall for the barren grassland.

COUNTY	No. of Sheep	Estimated Clip	
		1952	1953
Bandera	55,000	51,500	440
Bell	25,000	26,500	190
Blanco	65,000	65,000	485
Bosque	35,000	36,000	240
Coke	150,000	160,000	1,100
Coleman	160,000	160,000	1,280
Comanche	25,000	27,000	175
Concho	160,000	150,000	1,340
Crain	10,000	10,000	10
Corrall	60,000	61,000	420
Crockett	300,000	245,000	2,450
Edwards	225,000	170,000	1,800
Gillespie	140,000	155,000	1,100
Hale	11,000	12,500	80
Hamilton	55,000	65,000	440
Irion	160,000	150,000	1,200
Kerr	150,000	159,000	1,150
Kimble	225,000	185,000	1,700
Kinney	150,000	135,000	1,100
Lampasas	65,000	75,000	500
Llano	30,000	45,000	200
Mason	65,000	60,000	470
McLennan	120,000	130,000	1,200
Menard	150,000	170,000	1,000
Mitchell	200,000	175,000	1,250
Mills	15,000	25,000	120
Palo Pinto	25,000	30,000	150
Pecos	300,000	230,000	2,250
Reagan	100,000	30,000	800
Real	30,000	30,000	240
Rosamond	100,000	95,000	720
San Saba	35,000	30,000	20
Scurry	10,000	7,500	60
Schleicher	175,000	120,000	1,400
Sterling	75,000	65,000	590
Sutton	150,000	120,000	1,100
Swisher	5,000	6,000	45
Tarrant	10,000	15,000	70
Taylor	150,000	140,000	744
Tom Green	225,000	115,000	1,700
Uvalde	200,000	215,000	1,500
Val Verde	400,000	320,000	2,100
All others	1,650,000	1,565,000	11,350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,386,000</b>	<b>5,683,000</b>	<b>46,225</b>
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Dr. Hilton M. Briggs, Dean and Director, University of Wyoming, Laramie, will judge the medium wool sheep show at the State Fair in Dallas, October 15 - 27.

This year there will be a junior sheep show in the Rambouillet breed for the first time in history.

The directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will hold their third quarterly meeting at Marfa, June 6, with headquarters at the Crews Hotel.

## Boys' Ranch of West Texas Plans Building Expansion

SEVERAL PROJECTS have been undertaken by the sponsors of Boys' Ranch which are designed to give the twenty-five citizens there adequate facilities for living and learning. One of these projects is the erection of a new kitchen and dining hall to supplant the makeshift that has been in use for a long time. By utilizing the space now taken for the kitchen and dining room, sleeping quarters that are badly needed will be afforded.

The new building will afford not only the dining space but will give enough room for a study hall and library. Interested backers of the pro-

ject have already donated several hundred dollars toward the building but nearly \$25,000 must be raised to complete it and purchase the necessary equipment.

Another project is the organization of a Women's Auxiliary to the Boys' Ranch. Women throughout West Texas sympathetic to the proposition that boys who need care should receive it, are banding together to perfect an organization to achieve this objective. Women in San Angelo, Big Lake, Ozona, Iraan, Rankin, Mason, Eden, Menard, Junction, Midland, Odessa, and many other West

prominent ranchmen and commission buyer.

Surviving are the widow; one son, Louis Parsons, Uvalde; three daughters, Mrs. Louise Smart, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Dorothy Valentine, Rocksprings, and Mrs. Irene Vondera, Uvalde; the father, W. H. Parsons, Uvalde; three brothers, H. W. Parsons, Crystal City; Willard Parsons, Asherton, and Don Parsons, Los Angeles, California; five sisters, Mrs. J. E. Dockery, Uvalde; Mrs. Jessie Fagin Pruitt, Los Angeles; Mrs. Harvey Bell, Beverly Hills, California; Mrs. Ots Brown, El Paso, and Mrs. Alfred Spruill, Dallas; also 11 grandchildren.

### NICK JORDAN

FUNERAL SERVICES for James Nicholas Jordan, Jr., 45, of Junction were held on Thursday, March 26. Jordan died March 24 in a San Angelo hospital after having been ill health for the past year.

A native of Granger, Jordan was born August 22, 1906. In 1928 he married Miss Grace Fisher; they resided in San Angelo nine years then moved to Junction. Jordan, who ranched in the Red Creek community the past seven years, was employed in the PMA office at Junction as senior field officer.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Philip Jacoby of Sonora and Mrs. J. A. Hasse; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholas Jordan; two brothers, H. B. and R. C. Jordan; and a sister, Mrs. W. M. Hale.

## In Memoriam

### CHARLIE H. WHITEHEAD

CHARLIE HARLEY WHITEHEAD, Del Rio, died of a heart attack while enroute to his ranch Friday, April 3. Mr. Whitehead was a prominent ranchman and banker and one of the pioneer ranch families of the southwest.

Mr. Whitehead was a vice-president and director of the Del Rio National Bank and was a stockholder in the Producers Wool and Mohair Company of Del Rio. He was associated with his brother-in-law in the operation of the Whitehead and Wardlaw ranch 17 miles east of Del Rio.

C. H. Whitehead was the son of Walter and May Belle Martin Whitehead. He was born in Val Verde County April 11, 1890. Mr. Whitehead was unmarried.

Survivors include four brothers, W. R. Whitehead, Willie B. Whitehead, Francis H. Whitehead and Louis Dell Whitehead; two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Wardlaw and Mrs. Noble Taylor.

### FRANK PARSONS

FRANK PARSONS, 67, died in the Uvalde Memorial Hospital, following a stroke.

Mr. Parsons was born at Leakey in 1885, the son of W. H. and Mary Alice Rawlins Parsons. He was a

Texas towns and cities have shown considerable interest and preliminary plans have set up five Auxiliaries or "circles" through which the women can work in helping Boys' Ranch.

Boys' Ranch is not receiving funds any charitable organization such as the Community Chest; its support comes solely from individuals' contributions and those of organizations such as civic clubs. The home is a non-profit, charitable organization and is founded as a non-sectarian, non-political haven for youngsters from broken homes.

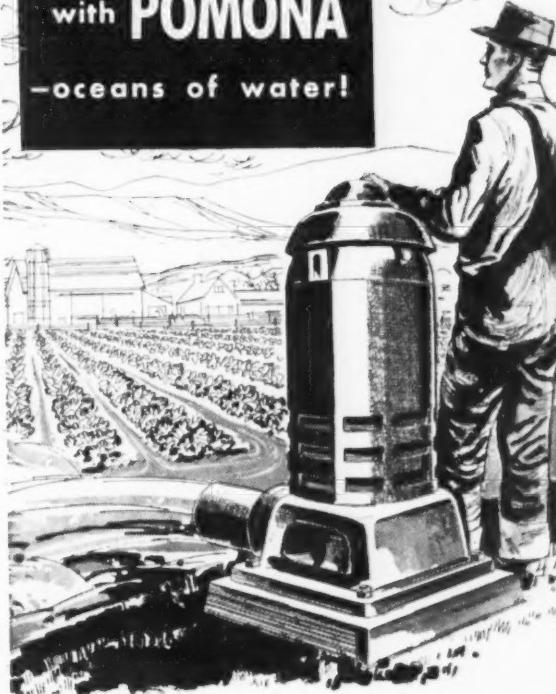
Boys' Ranch is located some fifteen miles due west of San Angelo on the banks of Spring Creek. It consists of about 1,000 acres of land and the buildings which shelter its citizens, now numbering about twenty-five. These boys are just like other boys with the exception that they have been deprived of parental guidance and care. Insofar as possible the supervisors of the Ranch and the Board of Directors, composed of leading citi-

zens of West Texas, provide these youngsters with a real home, guidance and an opportunity.

The Boys' Ranch is doing a remarkable job for the youngsters they are able to receive. This is quite evident when the results are studied and the work analyzed. Most of the boys are citizens who have a wrong start or none at all. A rehabilitation program is an essential part of the work of the commissioners. In fact, before the boy gets to Boys' Ranch a great many people have tried to set him right. First, of course, his parents, or guardians, or teachers and clergymen . . . perhaps social workers, the probation officer, the law official, or perhaps all of them have tried. If they had succeeded, the boy would never have reached Boys' Ranch.

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The award was made for excellence in school and community activities, scholastic standing in school, leadership in 4-H club work and character development. The achievement brings a scholarship from the Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, to the American Youth Foundation Camp at Camp Minicawka, Shelby, Michigan. Travel funds will be provided by the United Gas Pipeline Company, Inc.

Young Landers has been in club work for the past nine years specializing in sheep and wool, Angora goat and mohair work. He has been an excellent student in livestock judging studies and in soil conservation and grass judging teams.

His father is a well known 4-H club leader and his older brother, Jackie, student at Texas A & M was also an outstanding 4-H club boy.

Fritz is now a senior student in Menard High School and is the proud owner of the highest grade average in his class. He has exhibited in county or state shows 537 animals and wool and mohair exhibits. His ribbons, trophies, medals and other awards runs into the hundreds.

In 1949 he was named the county Gold Star boy; in 1950 the soil con-

servation winner; in 1951 Menard County 4-H judging teams won 15 awards and Fritz won 7 individual awards; also in 1951 he was named winner of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Association's top award — an all-expense trip to National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago. He continued his winning ways in 1952 as a member of the county grass judging team.

He has served four times as president of his local 4-H club twice as president of the county 4-H organization and is now a junior leader. As an indication of the size of his operations, his 1952 demonstrations consisted of 180 Rambouillet sheep, 40 Angora goats, 4 fat lambs and 16 range cattle.

His outstanding 4-H program has been supervised by R. E. Nolan, former Menard county agent now serving in Nueces County and by P. H. Newton, present county agricultural agent for Menard County. His local adult leader is B. D. Roberts.



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ELEVEN LAMBS

THIS SUFFOLK crossbred ewe is not six years old yet she has had eleven lambs. On April 1st she had quadruplets — three ewes and one ram lamb.

I have been breeding registered Suffolk sheep for a long time and I think this is quite a record for one ewe.

I enjoy reading your magazine very much. This item was on our local television station and caused a lot of inquiry as to all the black lambs. They are sired by a registered Suffolk ram which explains.

AL DUHAIME,  
Jefferson, South Dakota

## ANNOUNCING . . . ★ HAM'S MEN'S WEAR ★

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## LAMB IN THE WHITE HOUSE

IN LINE with his activity in promoting lamb through the marketing of cured leg of lamb, Clint Shirley of the Shirley Livestock Commission Company, Fort Worth, recently sent a sample to the White House at Washington. He received acknowledgment as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
April 8, 1953

Dear Mr. Shirley:

How very thoughtful of you to send the president and me such a generous "sample" of your new idea in curing leg of lamb! This was served for Easter dinner — much to the delight of the family and guests. Thank you so much for remembering us in this nice way.

I am happy to pass your message on to the president as you requested, and I know he will appreciate your expressions of confidence.

My best wishes to you.

(Signed)

Mamie Doud Eisenhower  
Mrs. Clint Shirley  
Room 117, Livestock Exchange  
Fort Worth, Texas

Miss Enid Justin, president of the Nocona Boot Company of Nocona, Texas, has been made a "Texas Woman of Distinction" by the Corpus Christi, Texas, Chamber of Commerce.

## REJOICE OR CRY

April 25, 1953

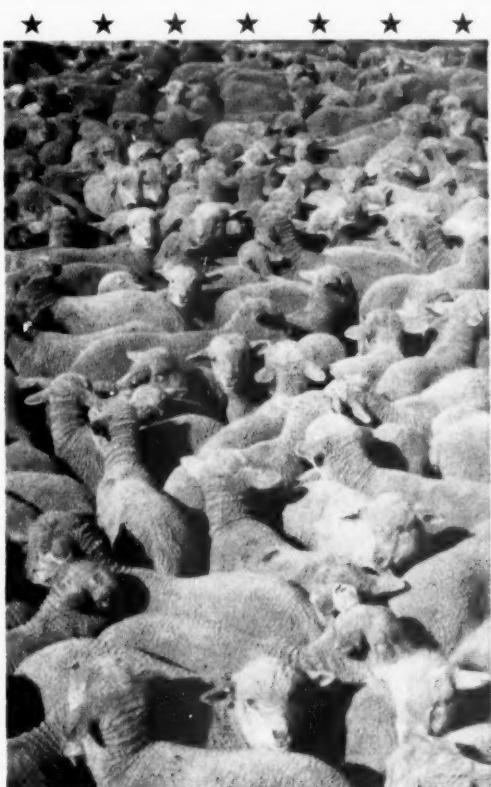
IN THIS immediate vicinity we're luckier than most people, had had an inch and a half and on April first got three inches in about thirty minutes. Couldn't quite decide whether to rejoice or grieve for the soil I lost but

since a well that had been pumping air has started pumping water have decided to rejoice. I live about eighteen miles north, northwest of Uvalde on the Nueces.

SARAH A. HABY  
Box 763  
North Uvalde, Texas

## CURED LAMB LEG

Women of the Hill Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met in late March in Junction where the new cured lamb leg met with instant approval. Here are shown a number of the auxiliary members and visitors being served. Mrs. Gus A. Witting, Jr. is serving.



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## The DOPE SHEET . . .

THE 1953 domestic wool clip is expected to approximate 231 million pounds, grease basis, about one million down from last year.

There is every indication that the latter part of 1953 will see a strengthening of demand for stocker sheep and an consequent strengthening in the price of such sheep. Next year should see the turn of the tide in sheep numbers; that is, sheep numbers will be greater than in 1953.

Pulled wool production for 1953 has been estimated at slightly in excess of 36 million pounds.

The drouth situation has eased in much of Texas where sheep numbers have dropped drastically. With further easing by spring rains many predict there will be a scramble for breeding ewes with a consequent strengthening of price. Some activity already reported.

Good lamb crops in the heavy sheep producing areas have been almost universally reported, some very unusual crops, in fact. This is due to the lack of crowding, perhaps a little better care, a mild, dry winter and supplementary feeding of ewes. Anyhow you look at it the evidence points to a great need next year for good stocker ewes.

Dry, dusty weather may have increased the fleece weight and shrinkage of Texas wool this year and wool fibres may be shorter. Nevertheless the crop is expected to be in fair to excellent condition according to locality and character of supplementary feeding.

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## SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

country and the parity price would all be figured in American dollars so that it would stop the imports of subsidized wool brought in under currency manipulation of foreign governments from selling so cheaply on the American market that the price to the American producer goes down below the cost of production.

It would mean that in almost every instance the price of domestic producers would be not less than parity, as compared to present heavy importations of subsidized and cheap labor produced foreign wools taking the American market and forcing the American producer to either sell at a price which would force him out of business, or borrow from the government under the support loan program at 90% of parity which is still below production cost.

Under the support loan program added charges have made it almost impossible for growers to redeem the wool before the government takes title in order to sell to a private market either individually or through their co-ops.

The Parity Protection Amendment is a new approach to the tariff idea for it would not penalize any country attempting to sell wool in the United States at a price comparable to the American standard of living and cost of production. But it would penalize nations who use wool through currency manipulation to get American dollars and would penalize those others which export to the United States on a basis of labor costs far below those which American wool producers must pay.

About one-third of the nation's clip of 1952 was placed in the government's loan program. The stable market leads many growers to declare that the program was a good one and should be continued.

Title to all wool in the government support loan program will be taken over by the CCC at midnight April 30. Attempts by the representatives of the Allied Wool Industry Committee to postpone the deadline were fruitless.

The Allied Wool Industry Committee is pressing for a continuation of the policy of the government that no orders be accepted for wools at less than 105 per cent of parity in hopes that a tariff at parity can be obtained prior to any government dumping of CCC owned wools on the market.

### TO APPEAR IN SENATE HEARING

The Allied Wool Industry Committee, headed by Ray W. Willoughby of San Angelo, will be a factor at the U. S. Senate Committee hearing on exports and imports and their impact on foreign support programs, in Washington, May 1. With Mr. Willoughby will be J. M. "Casey" Jones, Secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, and several Texas representatives of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, appearing as witnesses on the need for emergency tariff protection action to protect the 1953 clip of domestic wool and the need for a farm tariff protection policy if wool producers of this country are to meet the demands of the defense department which calls for a doubling of the domestic production.

The bill in the Senate, S. 1538, was introduced by fourteen senators headed by Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota.

The bill provides that whenever prices drop low enough that supports are placed under the agricultural product involved, that immediately no more competitive foreign products can be imported at a price less than parity.

In the case of wool this would mean that the Secretary of Agriculture would immediately notify the Treasury Department so that any wool brought into the United States would have to pay a tariff duty on the difference between the price at which it was brought in the foreign country and the parity price in the United States.

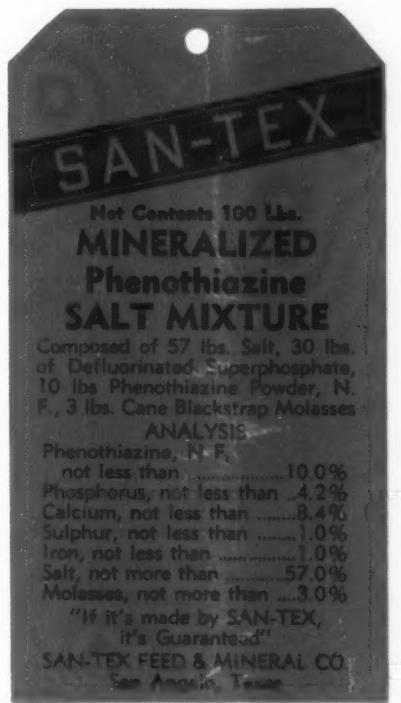
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